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Today is the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations. Metro is taking an in-depth look at children's issues.

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Elango Ramachandar and his wife, Asha Ramaiah, who are both HIV positive, play with their two-year-old son Yathin at their home in Bangalore, India. Yathin has tested negative for HIV. Elango Ramachandar, 38, helped found the Indian Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, a UNICEF-assisted support and advocacy network. **For more on the 20th anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, see pages 8, 18, 36, 40 and 59.**

Probe dismissed

Tories reject calls for inquiry into Afghan torture allegations

The Harper government is dismissing calls for a public inquiry into damning allegations that the military handed over prisoners to face torture in Afghanistan.

And it's waging a campaign against the federal intelligence officer who made the charges.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay told a raucous House of Commons Thursday there's no evidence to support the allegations by Richard Colvin, even going so far as to describe him as "a suspect source."

Colvin told a Commons committee a day earlier that prisoners were turned over to Afghanistan's notorious intelligence service by the Canadian military in 2006-07 despite warnings they would be tortured. He also suggested the federal government may have tried to cover up what was happening.

All three opposition parties attacked the Conservatives and demanded an inquiry, but the Tories were unmoved.

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Concern disregarded

- Top Canadian officials discussed in 2006 whether the then-governor of Kandahar was involved in the torture of prisoners and dismissed the concern, The Canadian Press has learned.

No, Virginia, Santa won't respond to U.S. letters

Starry-eyed children writing letters to the jolly man at the North Pole this holiday season likely won't get a response from Santa Claus or his helpers.

The U.S. Postal Service is dropping a popular national program that began in 1954 in the small Alaska town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year. Replies come with North Pole postmarks.

Last year, a postal worker in Maryland recognized an Operation Santa volunteer there as a registered sex offender. The postal worker interceded before the individual could answer a child's letter, but the Postal Service viewed the episode as a big enough scare to tighten rules in such programs nationwide.

People in North Pole are incensed by the change, likening the Postal Service to the Grinch trying to steal Christmas. The letter program is a revered holiday tradition in North Pole, where light posts are curved and striped like candy canes and streets have names such as Kris Kringle Drive and Santa Claus Lane. Volunteers in the letter program even sign the response letters as Santa's elves and helpers.

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No charges for cops in shooting

The Special Investigations Unit says there are no reasonable grounds to lay charges against two provincial police officers in the fatal shooting of an eastern Ontario man in July 2009. The SIU says the incident began on the evening of July 3, when 35-year-old Jeffrey Charbonneau fled a RIDE program stop on Highway 401 in Brockville. Officers at the RIDE program began a pursuit that reached speeds of 150 kilometres per hour on a county road, the SIU said Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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No more boob tube energy pigs?

Ontario may follow California's lead on new flat-screen TV standards

Ontario will consider revising its standards for flat-screen televisions now that California has moved to ban power-hungry sets from its store shelves, Energy Minister Gerry Phillips said Thursday.

"We're always looking at where we need to improve the standards in appliances, that's just part of the way that we save energy, so I would think this would be one of the things that would be on our plate," said Phillips.

"This is one of the things that is increasing energy demand."

Phillips warned not to expect any decisions in the immediate future, however, because it will take several months to review the energy consumption of all sorts of appliances.

He will also take a closer look at California's new rules before moving forward, but expects changes could be well-received.

"People are increasingly conscious of where they're using electricity," he said.

"I suspect (consumers are) not as familiar with the flat-screen TVs as they should be, but I suspect they will be in the future."
Energy Minister Gerry Phillips

"I suspect they're not as familiar with the flat-screen TVs as they should be but I suspect they will be in the future."

The California Energy Commission voted Wednesday to update standards for the television industry, which is increasingly focused on flat-screen, high-definition sets.

The new standards, to be phased in 2011, will apply to new televisions up to 58 inches.

The California commission said it estimates TVs account for about 10 per cent of a home's electricity use — a figure that could grow as people buy bigger TVs and watch them for longer periods of time.

The average plasma TV uses more than three times as much energy as an old cathode-ray tube set, while liquid-crystal display, or LCD, TVs use about 43 per cent more energy than tube sets.

Some manufacturers have warned the regulations could cripple innovation and limit consumer choice, or force manufacturers to make televisions with poorer picture quality.

But proponents hope the move will lead the way in a general reform of standards for the industry since California represents such a big consumer market.

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TTC response by the book: Officials

For TTC riders already irked by an impending fare hike, Wednesday's subway shutdown felt like chaos.

But transit officials who plan for the unexpected say the system's response to the six-hour service stop on the Yonge line went pretty much by the book.

Amid the frustrations with crowding and some miscommunication, protocols and procedures clicked into place, insists TTC spokesman Brad Ross. Certainly, for the 300,000 or so patrons who were massively inconvenienced, things could have been worse.

A contractor cut through the road covering the subway and, for a brief period, created "a very, very dangerous" situation, Ross said Thursday. "At any time that slab of concrete could have fallen through to the track."

TTC emergency procedures kicked in around 2:30 p.m., minimizing the danger.

"In terms of the protocol with getting the subway stopped, putting shuttle buses on, all those things worked as they should, which is with tremendous precision," said Ross.

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Coming soon

- On-train communications will be improved when the new Toronto Rocket subway trains begin running next year. They will be equipped with video screens as well as audio announcement systems.

Fearless **Yup, those are snakes**

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Sir Richard Branson, right, dangles keys above Jesse Dunphy, who is locked inside a box with live snakes at Circa. Dunphy was later crowned the winner of Virgin Mobile's most fearless person in Canada title and received a $5,000 cash prize.

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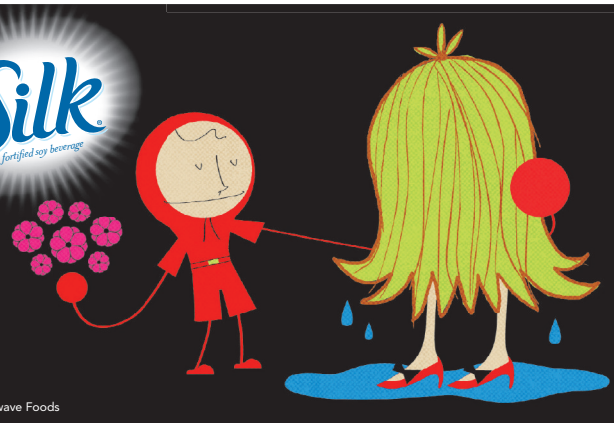

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Sally Ann says Santa not theirs

The Salvation Army is warning people in the Toronto area not to give money to a man dressed up as Santa Claus. The charity says the man is going door to door claiming that he is collecting money on its behalf. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Numbers swell since shots available to all

Flu **Outbreak**

The number of people being vaccinated for the swine flu has swelled at the public health clinic at Metro Hall in Toronto since the government announced it was opening H1N1 shots to the general public.

On Thursday, the clinic opened earlier than the scheduled 1 p.m. start time as clinic staff got a jump on the line.

Metro Hall clinic

- The manager of the Metro Hall clinic said Thursday that about 1,000 people received a flu shot at the clinic on Wednesday, double the number of the day before.

In the early afternoon, clinic officials estimated approximately 150 people were waiting for the vaccination.

People were being told they would have to wait an hour and a half but many said they only had to wait for half an hour.

Elsewhere in Ontario, Hamilton's public health unit is warning people to be prepared for longer lineups, the health unit in Sudbury is enforcing an appointment system and in London, health officials are using Twitter to get out information about how to get the shot.

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Association lends support to boycott of legal aid

PROTEST The Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted has thrown its support behind Ontario's legal aid boycott, a move that shows defence lawyers are right to continue their months-long protest, the group behind the action said Thursday.

"AIDWYC's participation underlines the point that we have been making for several months now that a properly funded system for defence counsel is an insurance policy against the train wrecks known as wrongful convictions," said Frank Addario, president of the Criminal Lawyers' Association.

Who's in

- A former Superior Court justice and the province's Crown attorneys have also joined the protest, warning that ongoing neglect will do irreversible damage to the justice system.

"It should be clear to everyone paying attention that what's at risk here is that the lawyers who are capable of doing serious cases involving complex prosecution will not return to the legal aid program unless the government fixes it."

The non-profit organization advocating for the wrongly convicted is the latest to join a boycott launched in June by criminal defence lawyers who said they weren't getting enough to try large, complicated trials after years of cuts and freezes under previous governments.

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Striking workers hold up trucks

Striking DriveTest workers are protesting the use of managers to conduct driver tests by holding up transport truck drivers in Windsor, Ont. They are holding up trucks from the Ontario Truck Driving School for 10 minutes at a time. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province asking feds for native exemption

HST Ontario's Liberal government said Thursday that the federal Conservatives are refusing to allow First Nations in the province to retain their point of sale exemption from the provincial portion of the 13 per cent harmonized sales tax that kicks in next July.

Ontario has asked federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to make sure First Nations aren't hit with an extra eight per cent tax on everything they buy, forcing them to apply for a rebate on the provincial portion of the HST, said provincial Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

Dwight Duncan

"The way the GST is collected, someone who lives on a reserve and buys off reserve must go back and show that it was consumed on the reserve and then apply for the rebate," said Duncan. "We've asked the federal government to consider the administration of the (harmonized) tax the way we have administered the PST. The federal government has said no up until now."

Ontario's Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Brad Duguid, said he hadn't had any more luck convincing his federal counterpart, Chuck Strahl, to maintain the PST exemption at the cash register for First Nations.

"We believe the Ontario system works best," said Duguid. "It's the fairest, and we'll continue to advocate for First Nations with respect to that."

However, the Union of Ontario Indians, which represents 42 First Nations, said it's seen too many native issues treated as a hot potato.

"This is a classic example of the federal and provincial governments playing ping-pong with our issues," said Chief Patrick Mahdabee. "The province has already identified other types of exemptions and should have included us, and on the other side of the coin, the federal government refuses to meet with us on this matter."

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City plays host to laugh-off

Filmmaker attempting to bring World Laughter Games to Toronto

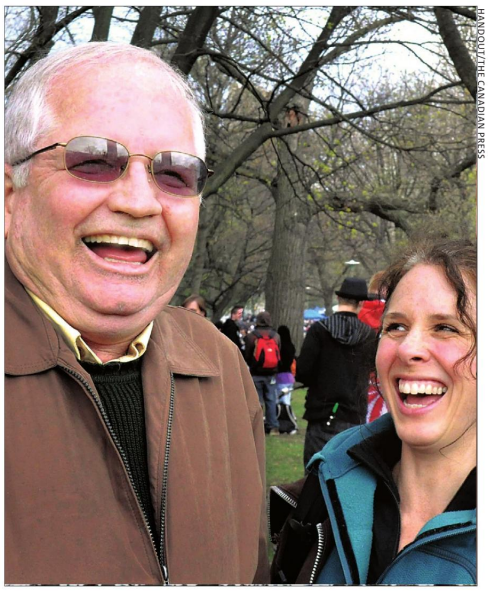
Ah, Vancouver. Basking in the glow of international attention as it prepares to host the 2010 Winter Olympics. Little does it know there is a move afoot in Toronto to shanghai its worldwide sports thunder.

The Big Smoke isn't trying to get its own Olympics. City officials aren't even involved. But Albert Nerenberg, the producer-director behind the documentary Laughology is laying the groundwork to bring the World Laughter Games to Toronto next summer.

"We're actually hoping for a doping scandal," Nerenberg said in an interview as he prepared for the Laughter Games' dry run before a screening of Laughology at the Bloor Cinema on Saturday.

If it takes off, the Games might be included in next summer's Toronto edition of the Just for Laughs comedy festival as an outdoor event.

Nerenberg got the idea for the Laughter Games when he was making Laughology, which looks at why and how people laugh. Noting a sudden rise in exercise techniques involving laughter to improve health and relieve stress, he figured the concept could be taken even further.



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Doug Collins, who is reputed to have the most contagious laugh in the world, and Jennifer Philbrook, a Toronto laughercize instructor, are shown in a handout photo.

"Because laughter can be an exercise, it can even be a sport," he said. "Because it can be a sport, you can have the Laughter Games and why shouldn't Canada be the world leader?

"Seeing as we're hosting the Olympics, why not host the Olympics of laughter?"

But it's no joke — or at least it's not built around jokes.

The Laughter Games are fuelled by contagious laughter, an actual scientific term, as opposed to intellectual laughter, which is spurred by the mind recognizing something is funny and sparking a laugh.

Contagious laughter usually starts as artificial laughter but quickly turns to real laughter and prompts other people to join in as it spreads.

Nerenberg tried it out when he was filming Laughology.

He even did it in Uganda and Mumbai, where he happened to land as the city was gripped by terrorist attacks.

"Everywhere I went in the world, the game worked. I never got shot, nobody ever misunderstood my intentions though I laughed at complete strangers."

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Street food program a hot potato

CITY HALL It should be simple enough to serve up curry, chapati and crépes, but Toronto's street food pilot program is turning into a political hot potato.

Originally proposed and pushed by John Filion, the councillor who chairs the public health board, a new plan calls for the troubled pilot project to be handed over to the city's economic development division.

But the councillor in charge there, Kyle Rae, wants nothing to do with it. He thinks food vendors should be carefully regulated, but whether their businesses succeed is up to the market.

So he believes the licensing department should be in charge.

While licensing chair Howard Moscoe agrees it does belong there, he thinks economic development is the right spot for the time being, to get the program off the ground.

Lost in the shuffle are the eight vendors, many of whom sank as much as $80,000 into the program, to offer up food ranging from kimchi to falafels to kebabs.

With complaints about flaws in the carts, which the city mandated vendors to buy, and poor locations, the city is proposing new spots and cuts to some fees and rules.

City council will vote on the changes at its meeting later this month.

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Convicted killer wants appeal

BANDIDO TRIAL Wayne Kellestine intends to appeal his convictions for eight counts of first-degree murder in the Bandido murder case.

And, in his inmate notice of appeal, he says Nazi paraphernalia he owned shouldn't have been used against him.

Kellestine was convicted, along with five other men, in the April 2006 deaths of eight men linked to the Toronto Bandidos biker gang. The trial was told Kellestine, a Toronto Bandido, led Bandidos from Winnipeg in slaughtering the eight men at his southwestern Ontario farmhouse.

Testimony

- Wayne Kellestine also alleges the judge erred in "refusing to give a warning on the dangers" of co-accused Michael Sandham's testimony, which placed the lion's share of the blame on Kellestine.

Kellestine says he wants to appeal his convictions and sentence, while the five other men previously filed notices too.

In the notice, Kellestine writes that the judge erred in allowing "the German swastika flag," seen hanging at his property, to be evidence against his character.

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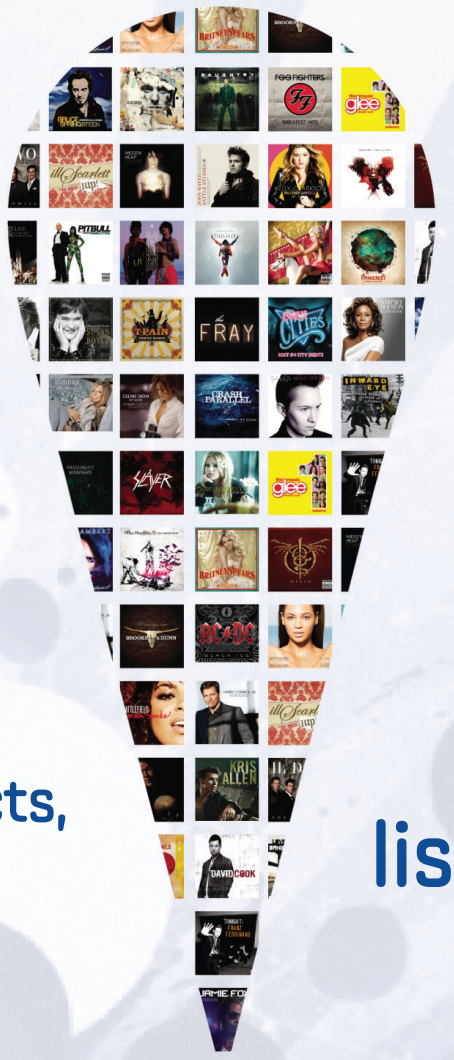

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Man dead after Ajax strip mall violence
One man is dead and another is in hospital with serious injuries after a violent altercation outside an Ajax strip mall Wednesday night. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PARTY FOR A CAUSE PHOTO

Party For A Cause executive and Victoria's Secret staff pose at the Victoria's Secret Launch Party in October at Tattoo Rock Parlour in Toronto. Party For A Cause president Paul Humphrey, centre, is joined by Sarah Zaljac, to his left, director of corporate relations, and to his right, Patricia Kore, events manager, and Sami Sanam, director of promotions.

Parties for a cause

U of T students host events for charities

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Children's Rights

In case you needed another reason to party, a University of Toronto student group has come up with one for you: Charity.

Party For A Cause (PFAC) has been in operation for about six years and the student-run organization hosts five to six parties a year.

All money collected through ticket sales is passed on to different charity groups and this year its recipients include Save The Children and Toronto's Youth Without Shelter.

Sarah Zaljac, a fourth-year history major at the U of T, has volunteered with Party For A Cause since her first year. She's now the director of corporate relations and says the group raises between $10,000 and $12,000 a year, with 100 per cent of the profits going to their chosen charities.

"So many students attend (the parties) and it also works as advertising for the charity because students who attend learn more about that charity," she said.

Their most recent event took place last night at Frequency Nightclub on Richmond Street.

The annual "Graffiti Party" — attendees are given white T-shirts and markers and spend the evening getting to know one another and scribbling on each other's shirts — was expected to attract about 1,000 party-goers and is the organization's biggest party of the year.

In October, they hosted a Victoria's Secret themed party backed by the well-known lingerie company at Tattoo Rock Parlour on Queen Street West. It was attended by more than 300 people.

As for why Party For A Cause is such a success, PFAC president Paul Humphrey said it's simple: "You take something that university students like to do anyway (party) and put their money toward something worthwhile."

For more information on Party For A Cause, visit party.sa.utoronto.ca.

Save The Children launches Every One

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Children's Rights

At 90 years old, Save The Children is the longest-running children's charity in the world. Since its early efforts in war-torn Europe, the organization has worked to help disadvantaged children.

"We know how to save children's lives, but we realize that many people around the world assume that children in these unfortunate circumstances will always die, and that's just the way it goes," said David Morley, president and CEO of Save The Children Canada. "We want to change attitudes so that people will start to think that children dying in a foreign country is just as outrageous as it would be if they were dying at the same rate in Canada."

That's why Save The Children has launched a new online campaign, Every One. The campaign is designed to educate the masses about suffering children in India, China, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Haiti while also giving people an opportunity to reach out and support children in these regions.

"If we concentrate all of our money and resources we can save one million lives per year," Morley said. "But we know that with a little more support we could save another six million lives per year."

Every One is a means of raising this extra money. It's the first online initiative for the organization and will allow people worldwide to donate money through the website and cellphone texting.

The challenges the organization faces might seem insurmountable, but Morley says it's nowhere near impossible.

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Light up the night in Rosedale

Starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Rosedale kicks off the holiday season with a one-hour event jam-packed with family activities. The event is part of the city-wide Cavalcade of Lights festival, which lights up neighbourhoods during December. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Downtown **Maid in the mist**

NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A woman walks along King Street East on a cool, rainy, overcast day in downtown Toronto on Thursday.

Ontario may create limits on OxyContin

Ontario may have new rules before the end of the year to restrict how the highly addictive painkiller OxyContin is prescribed and dispensed, as well as other narcotics and controlled substances, government officials said.

The abuse of OxyContin is a "serious problem" and an urgent issue that's destroying lives across the province, said Health Minister Deb Matthews.

"This is something I'd like to move on as quickly as we possibly can," said Matthews. "I've seen first-hand the impact that addiction to OxyContin can have."

During a drive-along with police in London, Ont., Matthews said she met a mom who had everything going for her, including her own business. "She was put on OxyContin because of an injury to her back," Matthews said. "She subsequently became addicted, lost her family, lost her business and was working the streets in London. That kind of got my attention, I'll be honest with you."

One of the big concerns is that public dollars are being used to pay for the pills, which are getting out on the streets and fuelling addictions that are "truly devastating," she said.

Shaken by what she'd seen in London and elsewhere, Matthews brought the matter to assistant deputy minister Helen Stevenson, who is now looking at new measures to curtail the abuse of OxyContin — dubbed "hillbilly heroin" by some — and other opioid pain pills.

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Funding abuses

- The health minister says there's no question that public dollars are being abused, she said. In once case, 2,000 OxyContin pills were dispensed to a single patient under the provincial program that funds medications for seniors, welfare recipients and people with disabilities, she said.

Toque campaign to help the homeless returns

CAMPAIGN The miserable weather was a fitting way to draw attention to Canada's homeless youth, as a rain-soaked crowd gathered in Dundas Square Thursday to launch Raising the Roof's annual National Toque Campaign.

Some were doubtlessly attracted by the star power of Raising the Roof's campaign, which included Virgin founder Sir Richard Branson and Glee television star Cory Monteith. Both men stressed the importance of finding a solution to Canada's homeless youth problem.

"It is just completely and utterly wrong that countries like Britain, America and Canada, that have enormous wealth, can allow tens of thousands of people to live on the streets," Branson said to the dampened crowd, many of whom were sporting their new toques.

"Unless something really radical is done in government, this problem will exist in 50 years time," he said, calling on the government to make homelessness illegal and set a 12-month no-homelessness target. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New report

- Also launched Thursday was a new report by Raising the Roof that finds there are about 65,000 homeless youth in Canada, many of whom have experienced home violence or are battling depression.

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Raising the Roof's annual toque drive, dedicated to raising money to fight homelessness, kicked off today in Dundas Square.

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Former firefighter given jail term for child porn possession

Scott Connor, a Toronto firefighter for 22 years, was sentenced Thursday by an Ontario Superior Court judge to three years and nine months in prison for possessing and making available child pornography. Police found 55 hours' worth of child pornography on Connor's computer in his Scarborough home. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Thomsons still top richest list

Family worth about $22B

The wealthy Thomson family remains number one on the latest Canadian Business magazine list of the 100 richest Canadians.

The Thomson clan, which controls the Thomson Reuters news and specialized data company, has amassed roughly $22 billion, up 19 per cent over last year.

Most of that is in the stock value of the company the family controls as well as its investments in other firms, including a large stake in CTVglobemedia, owner of the CTV network and the Globe and Mail newspaper.

But that growth is nothing compared with Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. executive chairman Robert Friedland. The magazine says his worth rose 217 per cent to $1.59 billion and he jumped 61 spots to number 32 on the list.

Friedland, the legendary mining promoter who was involved with the Voisey's Bay nickel discovery in Labrador a decade ago, is now moving ahead with a major copper project in Mongolia through Ivanhoe Mines.

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The total net worth of the richest 100 is $172.7 billion, up from $165.1 billion in 2008.

The No. 2 spot on the Canadian Business list is occupied by Irving Oil owners James Arthur and John Irving at $7.28 billion. The Irving group owns refineries, gasoline stations, shipbuilding, trucking, forestry and media businesses in New Brunswick and other Atlantic provinces, as well as New England.

Galen Weston, owner of Loblaw Cos. Ltd, Canada's largest supermarket chain, is third with $6.47 billion.

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Basketball **Nothing but net**

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kyla Grossett, left, of the Thomson Titans' girls senior basketball team drives past Red Knights' McKenzie Sigurdson of the Northern Secondary School during the TDSSAA Girls Basketball City championship Thursday at the University of Toronto.

Kids with asthma at higher risk of getting H1N1: Study

HEALTH Parents of children with asthma should have an "increased state of alertness" about the pandemic flu virus, suggests the co-author of a new Canadian study comparing it to seasonal flu.

Asthma is a significant risk factor for kids who get the new H1N1 virus, compared to seasonal flu, the study indicates.

The work by researchers at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children was released Thursday by the Canadian Medical Association Journal. It is among the first publications on risk factors for children admitted to hospital with the pandemic H1N1 flu, which began circulating widely last spring.

The study involved scrutinizing the charts of 58 youngsters admitted with swine flu from May 8 to July 22 this year, as well as the records of 200 kids with seasonal flu admitted from 2004 to 2009.

The data show that 22 per cent of kids admitted with H1N1 had asthma compared with six per cent of those admitted with seasonal influenza.

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Older children

- The data also showed that children admitted to hospital with H1N1 were significantly older than those with seasonal influenza — with a median age of 6.4 years compared to 3.3 years.

News in brief

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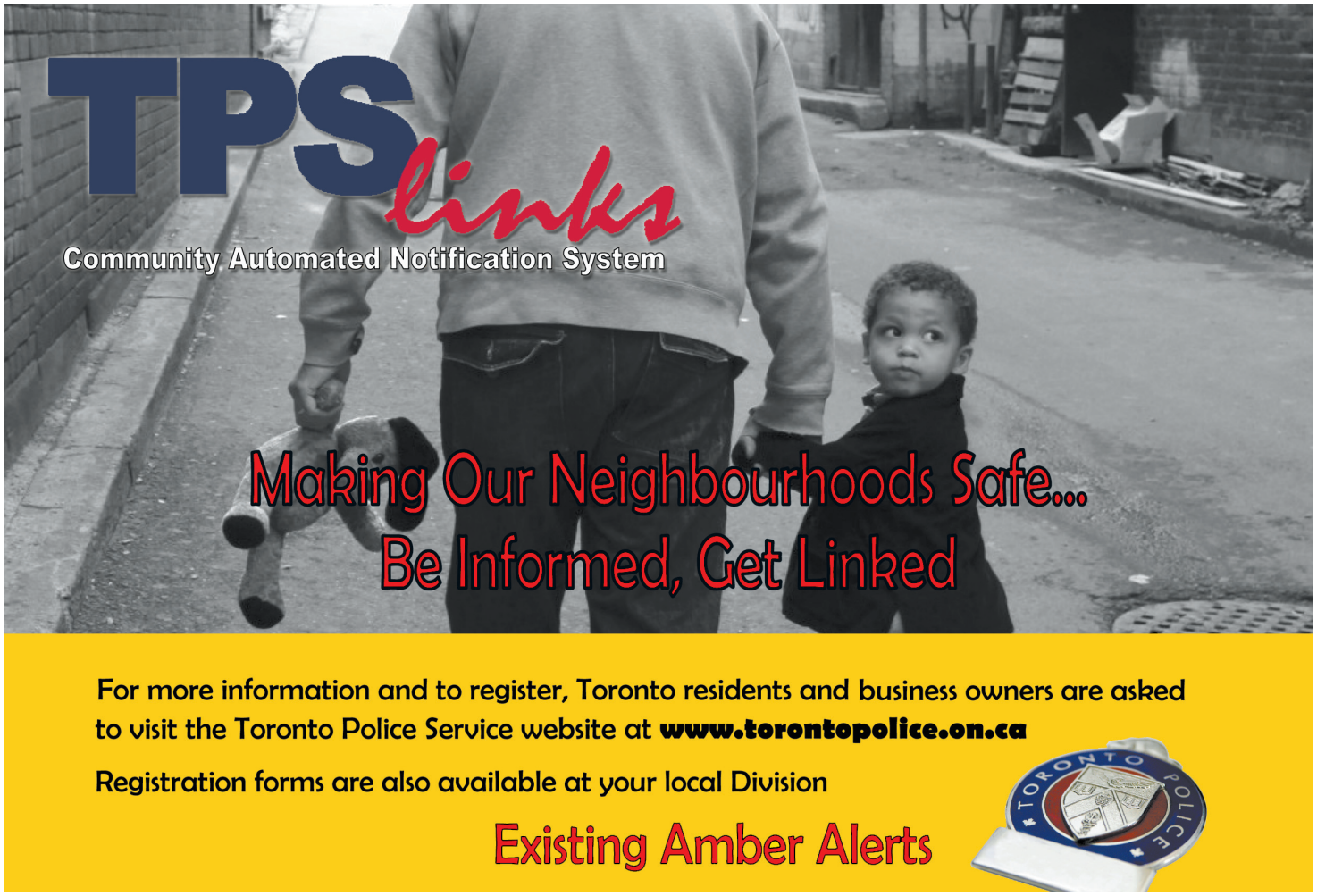

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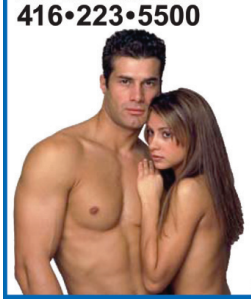
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Letters

Shortage of tokens frustrates regular TTC commuter

Re: TTC fare increase

I wish there was another way to come to work other than TTC. I take the transit five days a week, which means I would need 10 tokens a week, which also means I have to line up twice (in circles most of the time) now that the TTC limits the purchase to five.

But hey, wait a minute, there's a better way to buy tokens. Avoiding the line-up, one can actually buy from the vending machine that spits out one token, only if I'm willing to pay the full price of $2.75.

I'm very frustrated because every time I need to buy tokens, not only does it cause me to be late for work, but also not being able to buy the quantity I need to last at least for a week.

JOY REYES, BRAMPTON

Don't take out anger on operators and collectors

Re: Front page cartoon (Nov. 18)

Your front page cartoon (Nov. 18) of a TTC streetcar operator reaching into the pocket of a pedestrian who is reading about the fare increase might be slightly amusing were it not for three facts your readers should be aware of.

1. Fare increases are always accompanied by a large spike in verbal and physical assaults on vehicle operators and collectors. Angry passengers take out their frustration on the front-line workers, not on the TTC managers and commissioners who recommend and approve the fare hikes.

2. While wages paid to ATU Local 113 members are obviously part of the cost of operating the TTC, they do not account for the magnitude of fare increases over the past decade. In fact, as of the latest increase, TTC cash fares will have risen 64 per cent faster than the wages paid to operators and collectors, and 127 per cent faster than the rate of inflation.

3. The real culprit here is the utter failure of governments at all levels to adequately fund Toronto's public transit system. The TTC is the least-subsidized transit system in North America. If the TTC received proportionately (per rider) as much public funding as Montreal, Vancouver or Edmonton, our fares would be much, much lower.

Toronto transit users should complain about being shortchanged by governments instead of being whipped up by cartoons into unfairly blaming transit workers.

BOB KINNEAR, PRESIDENT
ATU LOCAL 113, TORONTO

Politicians should take the heat for latest TTC fare hike

Re: Front page cartoon (Nov. 18)

I find it appalling that you would depict a TTC operator as the one taking money from a customer. As far as I can remember, the operators did not vote to raise fares.

Let's place the blame where it belongs, not on the commission for raising the fares, but on the politicians for cutting the subsidy by 40 per cent.

It's time for customers who live in a world-class city to put the blame where it belongs and demand our fair share from Ottawa.

MARTIN MORAWSKI, TORONTO

Taking transit may become too expensive for some

Re: TTC fare increase

As a graduate student at the University of Toronto living on my own and paying my own way I depend on the TTC every day to get me back and forth to school. Being that my finances are already stretched to their limits, I have to say it is disheartening to think that come January they are going to have to be stretched even farther.

I feel that the purpose of public transit in general is to provide the public with an affordable and convenient way of getting around the city.

In the case of the TTC, however, transit is not very convenient because of the overcrowded vehicles and now it is making it so it is no longer an affordable alternative either — so why not drive?

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Both drivers have been charged in a collision that propelled a school bus carrying three dozen children into a tree in northwest Calgary. None of the children were seriously hurt when the bus and a minivan tangled last Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Program to boost forage production

A new $12-million program is aiming to help the dairy industry in Newfoundland and Labrador produce more of its own forage. The government says the industry currently imports about 22,000 tonnes of forage every year at a cost of more than $4.4 million. The goal is to reduce that cost through self-sufficiency. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ADQ's new leader faces uphill battle

QUEBEC Gerard Deltell, the new leader of the Action démocratique du Québec, faces a mountain to climb in re-establishing the crippled party as a credible political force.

The right-leaning party has been devastated in the past year by a disastrous election performance, the resignation of its new leader after less than a month on the job and two defections.

Gerard Deltell

The party has also been rocked by allegations by Gilles Taillon, Deltell's predecessor, that the party's books are rife with financial irregularities.

But the 45-year-old Deltell, a longtime TV journalist, is confident he can help lead the party back to respectability.

He told a news conference Thursday he will continue pursuing the party's centre-right, provincial-autonomist vision in which the sovereignty debate gets shelved in favour of other issues like revamping Quebec's economy.

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Code for cards on table

Voluntary idea would reduce business transaction fees

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is proposing a voluntary code of conduct for credit- and debit-card companies that he says will "level the playing field" for consumers and small businesses alike.

The code is intended to help reduce the cost of card transactions for businesses, which pay a fee to credit and debit companies each time a consumer swipes their card.

However, it won't be in place during the busy Christmas shopping season, and likely won't be finalized before early next year.

The code aims to provide merchants with more pricing flexibility so consumers can choose the best payment option, Flaherty said, and it would allow merchants to choose which payment options they accept.

"The proposed code is based on ongoing discussions with merchant and consumer associations, debit- and credit-card networks, payment processors and credit-card issuers across Canada," Flaherty said Thursday.

"The proposed code would encourage choice and competition in the credit and debit market for the benefit of consumers and merchants. It would help ensure accountability and prevent unfair practices."

The Retail Council of Canada estimates credit-card fees cost merchants about $4.5 billion a year. Critics argue that such charges wind up in the cost of goods and services sold to consumers.

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty makes a purchase at Mrs. Tiggy Winkles toy store before making an announcement on credit- and debit-card conduct in Ottawa Thursday. Flaherty's new proposal could reduce the cost of card transactions for businesses.

Alberta man convicted in RCMP officer's death

CRIME The conviction of an Alberta man for the murder of a Mountie brings relief in a northern community still trying to come to grips with the officer's death and the drug trade that may have contributed to it.

But for the family of Const. Christopher Worden, 30, the inescapable reality that nothing can bring him back weighs heavily on them.

Emrah Bulatci, a 25-year-old with a connection to the illegal drug trade, hung his head and Worden's widow wept as a Yellowknife jury convicted him Thursday of first-degree murder in Worden's shooting two years ago.

The constable was responding to a call in Hay River, N.W.T., on Oct. 6, 2007, when he was shot four times in a wooded area next to an apartment.

The last two years have been extremely difficult for all members of his family, said John Worden, the Mountie's father.

But they've also found strength in each other and have "endured" the trial to provide a voice for his dead son, he said.

"Today, justice has been served," Worden said.

Bulatci, who is from St. Albert, testified that he fired twice at the officer's legs during a foot chase, but never meant to kill him. He said the fatal two shots were accidental as the pair wrestled on the ground. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Today, justice has been served."
John Worden, victim's father

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News in brief

SASKATCHEWAN The Saskatchewan government is dipping into its rainy-day fund to keep the province's books in the black after a plunge in potash revenue. Finance Minister Rod Gantefoer's mid-year financial update says potash revenues are now forecast to be $109 million — down $1.8 billion from the spring budget.

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Union wants to resume talks

The union that represents 450 striking transit workers in London, Ont., wants to get back to the bargaining table this weekend. Pat Hunniford, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 741, says he has contacted the mediator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Celebrating 20 years of children's rights commitment

Nigel Fisher

On November 20, 1989, global leaders made a commitment to the world's children.

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No longer would the opportunity to grow up healthy, to develop to their full potential, and to be protected from harm be the privilege of a few. It was the right of each and every child.

Today marks the Convention's 20th anniversary.

It is a day for all of us — citizens, parents, advocates, national politicians, global leaders and children themselves — to take stock of how societies are delivering on that commitment.

UNICEF's experience suggests the results at best are mixed.

The Convention has led to improvement in the lives of countless millions of children around the world.

Millions more children are surviving because they are reached with vaccines and health care, and hundreds of thousands more children go to school everyday in even the most poor and remote communities. The majority of children live in countries where new laws protect them from abuse, trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

But there is much more to be done.

Too many children still do not benefit from early child development, education, and health care. Far too many have no protection from violence and abuse. For many, childhood still means long hours of tedious and often dangerous work, rather than hours of play.

In Canada, despite our wealth, about one in nine children lives in poverty. Many children are in the child welfare and justice systems and too few have access to adequate mental health care. The situation is much worse for our Aboriginal children.

"For many, childhood still means long hours of tedious and often dangerous work, rather than hours of play."

It is up to us to change this.

Governments will create the change that their societies demand.

As UNICEF's State of World's Children report concludes: "To make the vision of the Convention a reality for every child, it must become a guiding document for every human being."

Nigel Fisher is president & CEO of UNICEF Canada. To learn more about UNICEF go to www.unicef.org.

Tell kids' story, says crime victims advocate

Federal ombudsman wants expansion of centres

Children's Rights

Canada's federal advocate for crime victims is marking National Child Day with a request for politicians: Give abused children an easier place to tell their story.

The federal ombudsman for victims of crime, Steve Sullivan, wants an expansion of child advocacy centres — kid-friendly, one-stop shops for young victims of abuse.

Sullivan says coming forward with allegations can be a harrowing experience for youngsters.

They're often forced to repeat their stories to police, prosecutors, doctors and social workers in a variety of unfriendly settings.

He says child advocacy centres bring all service providers under one roof, which makes the process less stressful for children and leads to more charges and better conviction rates. While there are already more than 900 such centres across the U.S., there are only a handful in Canada where getting funding from the private sector and all levels of government has been a problem.

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Steve Sullivan tours the Centre d'Expertise Marie Vincent Wednesday in Montreal. Canada needs to take a page from the Americans and expand its network of kid-friendly one-stop shops for young victims of sexual abuse, says the federal ombudsman for victims of crime.

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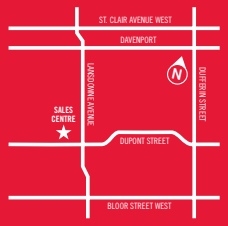

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Squamish making the best of Olympics

Town hasn't forgotten Games slogan controversy

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

Carved out of British Columbia's rugged coastal mountains, where the winding highway from Vancouver kisses the waters of Howe Sound one last time before rising up toward Whistler, the logging town of Squamish once billed itself as the "Heart of 2010."

That is until Olympic officials ordered the community to stop, arguing the slogan violated their fiercely guarded trademarks.

"I still think it was the greatest slogan in the world," says Coun. Corinne Lonsdale, who was Squamish's mayor in the early part of this decade when Vancouver was bidding for the Games.

"We are the heart — we're right between Vancouver and Whistler."

The slogan's death nearly six years ago hasn't been forgotten in a town where residents have grown leery about the 2010 Winter Games, with the fuss becoming a symbol of the opportunities some feel have been dangled in front of this community of 15,000 people, only to be yanked away.

Local businesses are still trying to figure out just how they'll be affected when one of the largest sporting events in the world takes over the region, and some residents say they plan to be as far away as possible when the Games begin next February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sam the Axe Man, a giant statue of a lumberjack, is pictured adorned with Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games mittens and a toque earlier this week in Squamish, B.C.

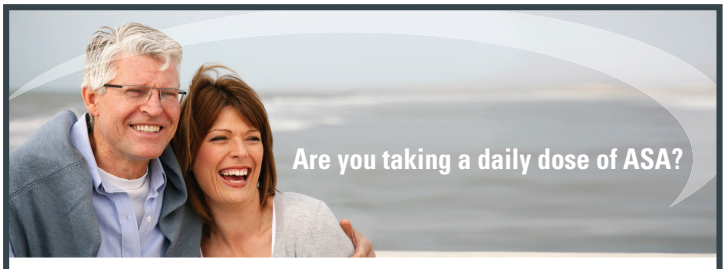
Trial aims to combat high cholesterol

HEALTH Afexa Life Sciences Inc., best-known for its COLD-FX anti-cold medication, is conducting a pilot clinical trial of new formulation aimed at combatting high cholesterol.

The company says the formulation, LIP-01, which combines active ingredients from two Chinese herbs, "has shown promise in reducing blood lipids — including cholesterol."

The trial is designed to identify the optimum dosing levels for LIP-01.

Dr. Richard Lewanczuk, professor of endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Alberta, is heading the clinical trial research team. Thirty-nine healthy adults with elevated cholesterol levels will be recruited for the trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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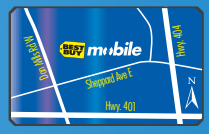

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Man charged with sex assaults arrested

A man charged in two sexual assaults in British Columbia last summer has been arrested by Regina police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec City **Don't tell me to shut up**

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Quebec Deputy Premier Nathalie Normandeau walks out of question period to complain about comments made by Opposition member Jean-Martin Aussant who told her to "shut up" on Thursday at the Quebec legislature in Quebec City.

Health bill may reach $183B

Report forecasts Canada's spending to rise 2.5%

Canada's total health-care bill this year is predicted to reach $183 billion — or almost $5,500 for each man, woman and child in the country, says a report released Thursday.

The report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) forecasts that spending will rise by $9.5 billion over last year's tally, a jump of 2.5 per cent after adjustment for inflation and population growth.

That translates into a year-over-year increase of $241 per Canadian, says the report by CIHI, which has been tracking health spending since 1975.

$9.5B According to CIHI's report, Canada's total health-care bill this year will rise by $9.5 billion over last year's tally.

"It bounced up and down a little bit from year to year, but it's roughly in line with what we've seen over the last five, six years," CIHI's Chris Kuchciak said of the spending growth rate.

Increased spending on what arguably is Canadians' most cherished social program occurred despite the economic downturn, leading to health care in 2009 claiming a larger chunk of the economy — 11.9 per cent of Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) compared to 10.8 per cent in 2008.

Hospitals continue to account for the biggest piece of the health-care spending pie.

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B.C. rail future under scrutiny

B.C. Transportation Minister Shirley Bond says the future of Crown-owned B.C. Rail is under review as the Opposition New Democrats call on the Liberal government to drop the corporation's overpaid, under-worked executives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Williams 'misinformed' about power deal, says N.B. premier

Province not relinquishing control over policy, exports: Graham

N.B. Premier Shawn Graham says he will try to correct "misinformation" from N.L. Premier Danny Williams about the proposed sale of NB Power when the two men meet face to face in Labrador.

Graham, Williams and the premiers of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island gathered Thursday evening in Churchill Falls to begin two days of talks on regional energy issues.

Graham and Williams have been at loggerheads since the tentative $5-billion deal to sell NB Power to Hydro-Quebec was announced three weeks ago.

Williams has accused Graham of relinquishing control over New Brunswick's public power company for short-term gain. Earlier this week he told a business audience in New York that they should be wary of the proposal because it would give Quebec a "stranglehold" on energy exports into the northeastern United States.

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N.L. Premier Danny Williams is shown at an inquiry in 2008. He is adamantly against the proposed sale of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec which is set to be finalized at the end of March.

"Even though Premier Williams is a good friend, I'm going to correct some of the misinformation that's been presented on this deal," Graham said Thursday after arriving in this remote Labrador community.

"Danny Williams saying we're giving up the future of New Brunswick is totally false. NB Power and New Brunswickers can continue to set energy policy through government."

He said the deal would not prevent Newfoundland and Labrador's goal to ship power from the proposed Lower Churchill hydroelectric project through New Brunswick and sell it to the energy-starved markets of New England and New York — an argument Quebec Premier Jean Charest has also made. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vow to fight

- Williams has vowed to fight the takeover before the federal Competition Bureau and possibly in court. He has often complained about the 1969 Churchill Falls agreement, which he says has reaped $22 billion in revenues for Quebec compared to only $1 billion for N.L.

Low mortgage rates won't last: Experts

REAL ESTATE The Canadian housing market has seen a stronger and faster rebound from the recession than any other segment of the economy, due in large part to enticingly low mortgage rates.

But rates this low — 5.59 per cent for a five-year fixed-rate mortgage and 2.25 per cent for a five-year variable-rate mortgage at one bank — can't last forever, and experts are advising borrowers to prepare for higher rates within the next 12 months.

On Wednesday, three of Canada's biggest banks — Royal Bank, Bank of Montreal and TD Bank — announced that they will cut posted rates for fixed-rate mortgages by up to 0.25 percentage points.

On Thursday, CIBC, Laurentian Bank and Scotiabank followed suit by cutting their five-year mortgages by 0.25 per cent to 5.59 per cent, in the case of CIBC and Scotiabank, and 5.6 per cent at Laurentian.

Mortgage lenders agree that rates are nearing the bottom and will start to rise in 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

0.25% Six Canadian banks cut various mortgage rates by up to 0.25 per cent this week.

Report warned of border plan

GUNS An internal report warned the Canadian Border Services Agency of potential violence resulting from plans to arm border guards with handguns at a controversial crossing on Mohawk land outside Cornwall, Ont.

The report on the arming initiative, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, was written by the border agency in October 2008, more than six months before the controversial post was closed over the arming dispute. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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$20M likely price tag for vaccinations in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia's health minister says the overall estimated cost of running the swine flu vaccination program in the province is $20 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Hill all a-Twitter

Members of Parliament are scrambling to climb aboard the Twitter bandwagon — and getting elbowed by controversial, satirical and even phoney postings.

Victims of fake Twitter accounts now include Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Senator Mike Duffy, the former CTV journalist.

Jack Layton

And satirical accounts currently make fun of NDP Leader Jack Layton's moustache and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff's cat.

Despite the pitfalls and embarrassments, politicians say social networking is an effective way to connect with constituents and others.

"People like to know that the people they elect to represent them are real living human beings that have particular interests," said Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

"But also it is a great opportunity to communicate on policy ideas and initiatives, so I try to use it in a balanced way and try to throw in the odd bit of humour and it actually allows for a bit of dialogue as well."

Kenney, who often sends several messages a day to his more than 1,500 followers on the micro-blogging service, says his tweets are mostly just reflections on his day.

"It's an opportunity to have a quick, open exchange with people on issues, which is novel," he said.

A search for MPs on the service turns up accounts for nearly one-third of Canadian MPs, including all of the party leaders.

And like the rest of the Twitter universe, posts range widely from banal comments about the weather and plans for lunch, to links to news reports and partisan jabs at political opponents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quick guide to who's tweeting

- The leaders: Prime Minister Stephen Harper (pmharper); Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff (M-Ignatieff); Jack Layton (jacklayton); Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe (GillesDuceppe); and Green party Leader Elizabeth May (ElizabethMay).
- Fakers: cheddar-harper; mimi-ignatieff; laytonsmustache
- Frequent tweeters: Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney (MinJK); NDP MP Libby Davies (LibbyDavies); Tory MP Blake Richards (WildRoseMPBlake); Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh (ujjaldosanjh).

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N.S. man faces hefty fine for possessing illegal cigarettes
A Nova Scotia man has been fined more than $22,000 for possessing illegal cigarettes. Ronald Nelson Veinot, 54, of Mount Pleasant was charged under the provincial revenue and federal excise acts and was also charged with producing and possessing marijuana. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

B.C. Defence lawyers can be barred from a judicial hearing in which the identity of a secret informant would come out, the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled. The decision is a blow to the defence in the B.C. Rail corruption trial, which has been dragging through the courts for five years. Three people were charged with corruption, fraud and breach of trust over the sale of B.C. Rail in 2003. THE CANADIAN PRESS

N.L. reviewing misdiagnosis of swine flu

Flu **Outbreak**

H1N1 Newfoundland and Labrador's health minister is reviewing why a 27-year-old man now in a coma with swine flu was misdiagnosed and sent home three times from hospital.

Trevor King's wife, Colleen, said her husband is a non-smoker with no underlying health problems who first came down with body aches and a fever Nov. 2. The Marystown man was sent home from hospital in nearby Burin three times during the following week before he was correctly diagnosed with H1N1, she said.

His lungs are badly damaged and Colleen has been told to prepare for the worst.

Provincial Health Minister Jerome Kennedy told an open-line radio show Thursday that the Eastern Health authority is reviewing the case.

"I can assure you that anyone who brings forward issues to this department in relation to H1N1, we will be looking at them in conjunction with the regional health authorities," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eradicating fake drugs

Phoney flu vaccine among RCMP, border agency targets

Steer clear of counterfeit swine flu vaccine and look out for fake Tamiflu, say RCMP.

The Mounties cautioned consumers Thursday about online ads offering H1N1 treatments and other cheap drugs, saying the products are most likely phoney and could be dangerous to your health.

And they warned that it's illegal to import prescription drugs into Canada and to distribute fake ones.

"We are seeing an increase in websites and email advertisements claiming to offer cheap, legitimate and legal products. Frankly, these claims are almost entirely false," Sgt. Duncan Pound of the RCMP Border Integrity Program said at a joint press conference with the Canada Border Services Agency.

The two agencies have signed onto an international effort called Operation Pangea II, co-ordinated by Interpol and the World Health Organization, to put a stop to the production and sale of fraudulent pharmaceuticals.

Heather Ardiel of the Canada Border Services Agency said some products labelled as Tamiflu have been intercepted in recent weeks at the Vancouver International Mail Centre. The product has been sent to Health Canada for inspection.

"We don't know at this point if it's genuine or counterfeit," Ardiel said.

But the phoney pharmaceuticals aren't limited to purported treatments for swine flu.

Inside the Vancouver mail centre on Thursday, officials unveiled bins full of a fake versions of Acai berry, a health supplement that has gained popularity in recent months. Ardiel said more than 15,000 packages of the fake supplement have intercepted in Vancouver since July, most of them from China. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Popular drugs

- Other popular counterfeit products coming into Canada through online orders include erectile dysfunction drugs such as Viagra and Cialis.
- The RCMP said the phoney products are likely being distributed by organized crime groups.

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Privilege begets privilege for flu shots

UrbanCompass

The H1N1 public vaccination process reveals some ugly truths about human nature — or more precisely about the nature of some humans.

University of Toronto sociologist Scott Schieman has speculated that uncontrollable anxiety triggers a will to survive that in some individuals obscures other considerations. "When people panic, they feel the rules don't apply to them," he said recently to a reporter.

No doubt some of these panicky types slithered into the public lineups with pregnant women, babies, toddlers and individuals with underlying health conditions and lied their way to an early vaccination.

At the same time, there's been a steady stream of allegations about hospital board members, senior police personnel, private-school students and professional athletes getting their flu shots ahead of at-risk groups. These queue-jumping controversies uncork deep — and often justified — suspicions about privilege begetting privilege.

History is full of examples. A study published last year that examined who survived the sinking of the Titanic found that while women and children were more likely to get a spot in the few available lifeboats, social class was also a key factor. First- and second-class passengers, the Australian and Swiss researchers found, had a higher probability of surviving compared to third-class passengers. The investigators suggested this was because upper-crust travellers likely had better access to senior crew members with important information on how dire things really were that dark night. It was also a huge advantage that their cabins were closer to the boat deck. Privilege begat privilege.

Critics who suggest that journalists are making too much of suspected instances of queue jumping just don't get it. The stories are about power, influence, connections and privileges that beget privileges. They need to be told, if only to force the alleged offenders to explain their actions.

What's so disheartening about the H1N1 rollout over the past few weeks is not just the realization that some people, when presented with an opportunity to put themselves first, will seize the moment. It's that this is happening during a flu outbreak that to date, at least, isn't living up to its billing. Hospitals aren't overwhelmed by the deathly ill. Public gatherings haven't been banned. People aren't dying in the streets. What if this actually was the "big" one?

I'd like to think there wouldn't be a stampede to the front of the line by the morally challenged. But I'm not optimistic.

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Tseyon Yoseph, age 6, Toronto
A: I would go to a different world.... Like somebody's country, because maybe I don't like Canada, maybe I like a different planet.

Timkin Yim, age 9, Toronto
A: I would be a billionaire ... I would spend it on those billionaire houses and those billionaire cars ... And I would have someone to serve me.

Vivian Greene, age 4, Vancouver
A: I would be a queen if I ruled the world, in a castle ... and I would shoot the bad guys.

Cameron Lewis, age 8, Dartmouth, N.S.
A: I would make everyone hop on one foot for the rest of their lives.

Jocelyn Donnelly, age 11, Calgary
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Russian ship escapes thick ice

A Russian icebreaker carrying more than 100 tourists, scientists and journalists on an Antarctic cruise was approaching open water Thursday after being halted by unexpectedly thick ice, its owners and a travel agency said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Moss slammed for 'skinny' motto

Eating disorder experts criticized Kate Moss on Thursday after the supermodel cited as her motto a phrase used on websites that encourage girls to avoid eating. In an interview with the fashion website WWD, Moss said one of her mottoes was "nothing tastes as good as skinny feels." Mary George of British eating-disorder charity Beat called Moss's words "very unfortunate." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gunmen kill 11 in Darfur attack

SUDAN The UN peacekeeping mission in Darfur says 11 people died following an attack by unidentified gunmen on two villages in the southern part of the region. UNAMID confirmed reports that four others were wounded and two are missing after the Tuesday attack on the villages of Taman and Shaleb. The Darfur conflict began in 2003 when ethnic African rebels took up arms against the Arab-dominated Sudanese government, claiming discrimination and neglect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Glitch wreaks havoc with skies

Air travellers across the United States scrambled to revise their plans Thursday after an FAA computer glitch caused widespread cancellations and delays for the second time in 15 months.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the problem, which lasted about four hours, was fixed around 9 a.m., but it was unclear how long flights would be affected.

It started when a single circuit board in a piece of networking equipment at a computer centre in Salt Lake City failed around 5 a.m., the FAA said in a statement.

That failure prevented air traffic control computers in different parts of the country from talking to each other. Air traffic controllers were forced to type in complicated flight plans themselves because they could not be transferred automatically from computers in one region of the country to computers in another, slowing down the whole system.

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Travelers wait at Philadelphia International Airport Thursday.

Delays were particularly bad at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest.

The glitch also exacerbated delays caused by bad weather in the Northeast, with airports in the Chicago, Washington, D.C., and New York metro areas reporting problems. Some flights were more than two hours behind schedule.

New York Senator Charles Schumer said America's aviation system is "in shambles" and the FAA needs more resources to prevent such problems from continuing.

"If we don't deliver the resources, manpower, and technology the FAA needs to upgrade the system, these technical glitches that cause cascading delays and chaos across the country are going to become a very regular occurrence," he said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Archbishop, Pope to discuss invite

ROME The Archbishop of Canterbury sought Thursday to downplay the implications of the Vatican's unprecedented invitation for Anglicans to join the Catholic Church as he arrived in Rome for his first talks with the Pope on the new policy. Rowan Williams' visit was scheduled before the Vatican announced it was making it easier for traditional Anglicans upset over the ordination of women and gay bishops to become Catholic. The move has already strained Catholic-Anglican relations and is sure to affect Williams' 77-million Anglican Community. In a speech, Williams was gracious in referring to the Vatican's new policy, which he called the "elephant in the room." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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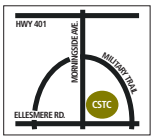

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Clinton warns Karzai on reforming corruption
U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton lauded newly sworn-in Afghan President Hamid Karzai for outlining a plan to crack down on corruption in his inaugural speech Thursday, but warned that Washington and the international community would hold him to his promises. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karzai chooses right words

Sworn into second term amidst doubt of his ability to act on Afghan reforms

For his critics, Afghan President Hamid Karzai's inaugural speech Thursday struck all the right notes — sober pledges to get tough on corruption and strengthen his own security forces so foreign troops can start going home.

The question now is whether he has the will and ability to deliver.

As he embarks on his second five-year term, Karzai faces a virulent Taliban insurgency and crippling corruption that has sown resentment among Afghans toward his administration — and toward the Western powers that have supported it for eight years.

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai greets guards as he arrives for his inauguration in Kabul Thursday.

The West, too, has become resentful, with questions increasingly raised back home why the roughly 103,000 NATO-led troops in Afghanistan are being asked to die for a corrupt and inefficient government. Such concerns are central to the debate inside the Obama administration, which is considering military proposals to send 10,000 to 40,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan next year.

Dignitaries from across Afghanistan and the world listened intently for the promises of crucial reforms. And Karzai delivered — at least in words.

"We have to learn from the mistakes and shortcomings of the past eight years," he said. "It is through this self-evaluation that we can better respond to the aspirations and expectations of our people."

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New Canadian commander changes focus, awaits U.S. troops

AFGHANISTAN Canada's campaign against Taliban insurgents is in for an overhaul under a new commander who's concerned with the deteriorating security situation in Kandahar city and facing the prospect of taking more American forces under his wing.

As he took over Thursday for Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance as head of Task Force Kandahar, Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard said he plans to increase troop levels in the province's dangerous capital — a marked shift from the existing strategy of focusing on rural areas southwest of the city.

"Currently, stabilization is underway outside of the city," Menard said following a change-of-command ceremony at Kandahar Airfield.

"But we also have to make sure we don't forget about the city."

Menard said he expects his efforts to secure Kandahar city will be bolstered by the further addition of U.S. troops, who are likely to fall under Canadian command.

Up to four more U.S. units could be assigned to the Canadian task force, Menard said, although he didn't elaborate. Canadian military officials refused to clarify how many U.S. troops that would include.

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Greek anarchists bomb sex shops

An anarchist group has claimed responsibility for two small bomb attacks on sex shops over the past week in Greece's northern port city of Thessaloniki that caused no injuries. The blasts, it said, were aimed at drawing attention to the sex industry's role in capitalist power structures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Merkel calls for binding targets

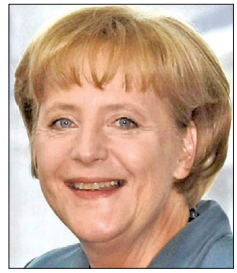
German Chancellor Angela Merkel called Thursday for all countries to fix binding climate change targets next year at the latest, acknowledging that no such deal is likely at talks in Copenhagen next month.

In a joint press conference with French President Nicolas Sarkozy on the margins of an EU leaders' summit in Brussels, she said they were both worried that ambitions for countries to agree on cuts to greenhouse gas emissions at Copenhagen "seem to have shrunk."

Sarkozy said he and Merkel both planned to attend the United Nations conference in Denmark Dec. 17-18 to push for a deal that limits global warming by no more than 2 degrees by 2050 — and called on other EU heads of state to join them.

A panel of UN scientists has recommended that developed countries make emissions cuts of between 25 per cent and 40 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020 to avoid a catastrophic rise in sea levels, harsher storms and droughts and climate disruptions.

The European Union has vowed to slash its emissions by 20 per cent by 2020. Russia and Japan are promising a 25 per cent cut over the same period. The U.S. is considering a far smaller cut — 17 per cent from 2005 levels or about 3.5 per cent from 1990. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Warming will hit Arab states hardest, report says

CLIMATE CHANGE Global warming will have a severe impact on Arab states where water is already scarce, a regional report warned Thursday ahead of next month's Copenhagen environment summit.

Some of the most feared effects include depletion of agricultural land, spread of disease and endangerment of many plant and animal species, the 2009 Report of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development said.

The AFED report, released in Beirut, said sea level rise will mostly threaten Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Tunisia, affecting "one to three per cent of land in these countries."

In Egypt, the Arab world's most populous nation, more than 12 per cent of the country's best agricultural land in the Nile Delta is at risk from sea level rise, or SLR.

Although the Arab region amounts to 10 per cent of the planet's land, it contains less than one per cent of the world's freshwater resources, the report pointed out.

The AFED also said the region risks a 50 per cent decrease in food production if current practices detrimental to the soil continue. It recommended a change in the range and variety of crops planted, use of fertilizers, irrigation and land management practices.

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Talks

- The Arab Forum for Environment and Development report comes three weeks ahead of a global conference in Copenhagen that hopes to strike a deal to replace the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which required 37 industrial countries to cut heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions.

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Sen. Kerry's daughter arrested

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In this May 12, 2008, file photo, the AOL Running Man logo decorates a coffee mug in AOL's New York office. AOL Inc., the struggling Internet company, said Thursday it plans to cut about a third of its workers if its planned spinoff from Time Warner Inc. goes through.

AOL set to cut 2,500 jobs

Firm awaits board OK, spinoff from Time Warner

AOL LLC, an Internet company struggling to adapt to an advertising-driven economy, is looking to shed more than a third of its workforce as it prepares to spin off from Time Warner Inc. next month.

Major job cuts had been expected, but the magnitude wasn't known until Thursday. AOL, which now employs 6,900 workers, is asking for 2,500 volunteers to accept buyouts and plans to resort to layoffs if it does not get enough people.

AOL hopes to trim annual costs by about $300 million. The job cuts still need approval from the new AOL board and come on top of about 100 layoffs Nov. 10.

The layoffs and the impending spinoff cap one of the most disastrous marriages in U.S. corporate history. After being acquired by AOL in 2001, at the height of the dot-com boom, Time Warner said this week it will spin AOL off as a separate company Dec. 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buyout offer

- The voluntary buyout offer is open to all employees from Dec. 4 though Dec. 11, said an AOL spokesperson.
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Christmas lights decorate Berlin's famous shopping road Kurfuerstendamm in front of the Kaiser William Memorial Church, back right, during a light rehearsal Thursday in Germany.

UN official praises Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka won praise from a top UN official Thursday for expediting the resettlement of ethnic minority Tamils detained in government-run camps since the end of the country's civil war six months ago.

Some 300,000 displaced were forced into camps after fleeing the final months of the government's decades-long war with the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels, which ended in May. The Tamils are held against their will in overcrowded camps with poor sanitation.

Although more than half have been released, critics have slammed the government for the slow pace.

John Holmes, the United Nations' humanitarian chief, praised the government's new efforts Thursday during a three-day visit to the island nation.

"We were frustrated for a long time by the lack of progress," Holmes said, "but that situation has changed significantly in the last three or four weeks."

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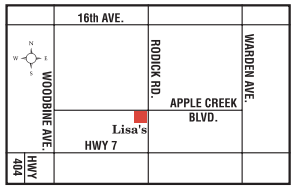

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Total, factory head acquitted in deadly plant explosion
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Press blocked from Palin talk over 'grandstanding'

The U.S. army plans to prevent media from covering Sarah Palin's appearance at Fort Bragg, fearing the event will turn into political grandstanding against President Barack Obama, officials said Thursday.

Fort Bragg spokesman Tom McCollum told The Associated Press that Bragg's garrison commander and other army officials had decided to keep media away from Palin's book promotion. He said the army did not want the Monday event to become a platform to express political opinions "directed against the commander in chief."

"The main reason is to stop this from turning into a political platform," he said. "There are army regulations that basically prohibit military reservations from becoming political platforms by politicians."

Sarah Palin

He said only one politician can use that platform, "and that person does it as our commander in chief."

Other members of the public would be permitted to attend the event.

Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee, has already agreed not to give a speech at Bragg, McCollum said.

But he worried that Palin's supporters might make the event political and use the media to express opinions from the base.

"This will stop someone from grandstanding," he said.

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Little-known Belgian picked as EU president: Diplomats

TOP JOBS Diplomats say EU leaders have chosen little-known compromise candidate Belgian Premier Herman Van Rompuy to become the bloc's first full-time president.

Envoys added that the 27 leaders have also agreed to appoint Britain's EU commissioner Catherine Ashton as the bloc's new foreign policy chief, replacing Spaniard Javier Solana. Ashton has been the EU's trade commissioner since last year. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision had not yet been formally announced at summit talks Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pollution worries cause Norway to dump Russian firm from pension plan
Norway's Finance Ministry says it has dropped Russian mining giant Norilsk Nickel from the country's pension fund because of concerns over pollution that has sickened nearby residents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A billion kids deprived of basic needs

Children's Rights

Twenty years after the UN adopted a treaty guaranteeing children's rights, 1 billion children are still deprived of food, shelter or clean water, and nearly 200 million are chronically malnourished, UNICEF said Thursday.

There are some bright spots — fewer youngsters are dying and more are going to school, the UN children's agency said in a report issued on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

UNICEF Executive Director Ann Veneman said the convention "has transformed the way children are viewed and treated throughout the world."

"As the first decade of the 21st century comes to a close, the convention stands at a pivotal moment," she told a news conference.

"Its relevance remains timeless. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress achieved, working together to reach those children who are still being denied their rights to survival, development, protection and participation."

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A street child rests his head on a stray dog in Katmandu, Nepal, on Thursday, a day before Universal Children's Day. Nearly 200 million children in poor countries have stunted growth because of insufficient nutrition, according to a UNICEF report.

The convention has the widest support of any human rights treaty, with ratifications legally binding 193 countries to its provisions. But not all countries are implementing its requirements, Veneman said.

Only two countries — the United States and Somalia — have not ratified it. The Clinton administration in the 1990s signed the convention but never submitted it to the Senate for ratification because a number of groups argued it infringed on the rights of parents and was inconsistent with state and local laws.

Over the past 20 years, she said, more than 70 countries have used the convention to incorporate codes protecting children and ensuring their rights into national legislation.

The convention has also brought measures "to ensure that children are safeguarded from violence, abuse, discrimination and exploitation," Veneman said.

UNICEF said climate and population shifts threaten recent advances in child rights and the convention's 20th anniversary year has been marked by the worst global financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

"There is a real danger that the repercussions of these shocks will have lifelong consequences that span generations, undermining efforts to advance children's rights for the coming decades," UNICEF warned.

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U.S. teenagers fight global child trafficking

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Eight girlfriends from New York who got together to fight child trafficking and saved the lives of 48 children in the process.

Two years ago, eight 14-year-old girls watched a news report about Ghanian children who are trafficked for as little as $20. That was good news for the girls. Now they had found their cause.

"For three years, we'd been saying that we wanted to help people, but could never agree on a project," recalls Anjelica Mantikas. "When we heard about the trafficked children in Ghana, we all knew — This is it!"

The eight friends from Long Island, N.Y., decided to save at least one child.

"We even signed contracts promising to work on it for at least one year," explains Ariel Stern. "But once we started, we couldn't stop." They launched a charity, One Is Greater Than None (1>0), and designed 1>0 bracelets, necklaces and T-shirts to raise money for the International Organization for Migration, which rescues trafficked children.

Two years later, the girls have saved not one but 48 children.

Convention works, but more needed

Children's Rights

NewsAnalysis

Ann Veneman
Guest Columnist

The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a universal standard for building a better world — a world in which the best interests of children are a primary concern of all. On Nov. 20 the global community commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Convention, the most widely ratified international human rights treaty in history.

The era of the Convention has seen marked advances in child survival and development, expanded and consolidated efforts to protect children, and a growing recognition of the importance of empowering children to participate in their own development and protection.

One of the most outstanding achievements in child survival and development has been the reduction in the annual number of under-five deaths, from 12.5 million in 1990 to less than 9 million in 2008.

Fewer child deaths have resulted from the immense efforts of national governments and the international health community to prevent and control diseases, and enhance food and nutrition. But much more must be done to make the promise of the Convention a reality for every child around the world.

More than 24,000 children under the age of five still die every day from largely preventable causes.

And, millions of children, particularly in Africa and Asia, still lack access to quality health-care, food, education, adequate water sources and shelter. Even more, between 500 million and 1.5 billion children are estimated to experience some form of violence each year.

These statistics alone are a sobering reminder of the work that lies ahead. The Convention has paved the way for the consolidation of child protection as a holistic concept, offering children the right to be safeguarded against a broad spectrum of violence, exploitation, abuse, discrimination and neglect.

The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress the Convention has already achieved, working together to reach those children who are still being denied their rights to survival, development, protection and participation.

Ann Veneman is the Executive Director of UNICEF. To learn more about UNICEF go to unicef.org.

U.K. minister in hot water over using cellphone while driving

British prosecutors say a Cabinet minister is facing criminal charges for allegedly using a cellphone behind the wheel. Officials said they are prosecuting Harriet Harman, Leader of the House of Commons, for driving without due care and attention and driving while using a hand-held mobile telephone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico City bumps up green transportation

Cash-strapped Mexico City is pressing ahead with new bus lines and bike lanes in 2010, buoyed by prestigious recognition for a world-class transit system that has reduced pollution in one of the globe's largest cities.

"We hope that Mexico City will inspire other cities around the world to embrace environmentally sustainable programs," said Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, who visited Harvard University this week to accept the Roy Family Award for Environmental Partnerships for the city's 4-year-old Metrobus system.

Funded with tax revenues and World Bank loans, the bus rapid transit corridor opened in 2005 along 19 kilometres of one of Mexico City's busiest boulevards, supplementing an overloaded, aging subway.

Today the system is three times as long, and more than 450,000 people ride each day for $0.75 a ticket, an affordable price for middle-class residents who make up the bulk of users, according to surveys.

The result, Metrobus general manager Guillermo Calderon Aguilera said Thursday, is a reduction of 80,000 tons of greenhouse gases.

"Not just for the atmosphere of Mexico City, but for the planet," Calderon said.

A notoriously congested metropolis with more than 20 million residents and 6 million cars, Mexico City was named the world's most polluted city by the United Nations in 1992 — though it has since shed that dubious honour.

Buses, subways, bike lanes and limits on when cars can be on the road have reduced some of the worst pollution by 75 per cent.

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Paris **Beaujolais Nouveau released**

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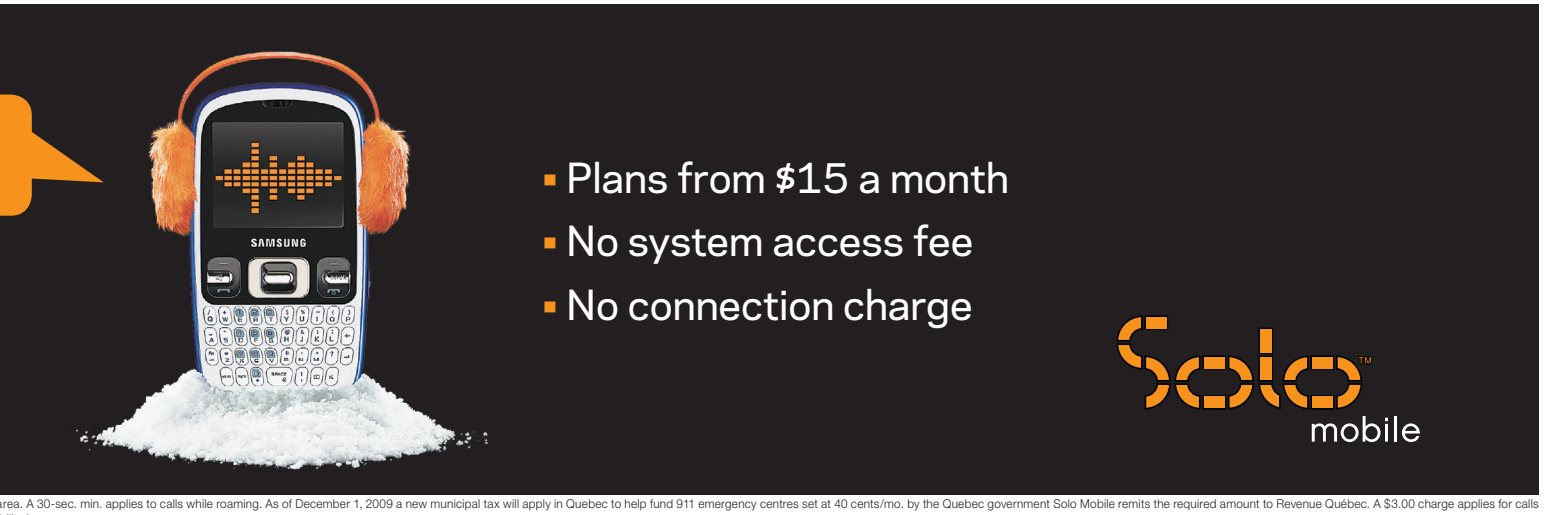
A wine dealer displays bottles of the newly released 2009 Beaujolais Nouveau at a wine shop in Paris on Thursday. Beaujolais Nouveau is always released on the third Thursday of November, regardless of the start of the harvest.



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Obama vows punishment for Iran

NUCLEAR U.S. President Barack Obama said Thursday that the six nations dealing with Iran's nuclear program will develop a package of serious new punitive measures in coming weeks. The European Union said the six would gather immediately to begin consultations.

The EU said diplomats would meet in Brussels Friday to consider Iran's apparent rejection of a UN plan to ship its low-enriched uranium abroad so that it could not be further enriched to make weapons. Talk of sanctions showed that Obama is preparing for the next phase should Iran fail to meet his year-end deadline for progress in negotiations.

The Brussels meeting will include the UN Security Council's permanent members — Britain, China, France, Russia and the U.S. — plus Germany, EU foreign affairs spokeswoman Cristina Gallach said. She said it would bring together foreign ministry officials from the six nations "to take stock of the situation."

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U.S. President Barack Obama says Iran's failure to agree to a deal in regard to its nuclear program will result in punishments.

Iran announced on Wednesday it would not export its enriched uranium for further processing, effectively rejecting the latest plan brokered by the International Atomic Energy Agency. That plan aimed to delay Tehran's ability to build a nuclear weapon by sending most of the uranium needed for that out of the country.

Under the plan, Iran would export its uranium for enrichment in Russia and France where it would be converted into fuel rods, which would be returned to Iran about a year later. The rods can power reactors but cannot be readily turned into weapons-grade material.

President Barack Obama said Washington has started talking with its allies about new punishments against Iran.

"They have been unable to get to 'yes,' and so as a consequence, we have begun discussions with our international partners about the importance of having consequences," Obama said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer battle gets into diplomatic realm

AFRICA Egypt on Thursday recalled its ambassador to Algeria for consultations as part of a diplomatic row caused by a bitter soccer rivalry between the two Arab nations that has sparked violence among fans.

Egyptian fans were attacked after Algeria won a World Cup qualifying game Wednesday in the Sudanese capital Khartoum, and offices of Egyptian companies in Algeria were ransacked after a matchup in Cairo over the weekend.

World Cup

- Egypt, a six-time African champion, last appeared in the World Cup in 1990.

Thursday, Egypt's Foreign Ministry summoned Algeria's ambassador in Cairo to express to him its "extreme dismay" over the attacks. Egypt's ambassador in Algiers was instructed to return to Egypt as soon as possible, says a ministry statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oprah show to end in 2011: Report

TELEVISION The Oprah Winfrey Show, which grew from a local Chicago talk show into the foundation of a multibillion-dollar media empire, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons, Winfrey's production company said Thursday night.

Winfrey plans to announce the final date for her show during a live broadcast Friday, Harpo Productions Inc. said. A Harpo spokeswoman declined to comment on Winfrey's future plans.

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Agrium extends CF takeover offer

Calgary-based fertilizer giant Agrium has extended until midnight Dec. 18 its hostile pursuit of CF Industries Holdings Inc., even though about 62 per cent of the Deerfield, Ill.,-based nitrogen and phosphate producer's shareholders have shown support for the $5.1-billion US deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TSX achieves financing record

MARKET The Toronto Stock Exchange said Thursday that it has already achieved record levels of financings for the year with a couple of months still to go, indicating improved confidence in the world economy.

The TSX said financings totalled were $49.7 billion as of Oct. 31, beating the previous full-year record of $47.6 billion set in 2007.

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"Achieving record yearly financing, with two months yet to go in 2009, demonstrates both positive investor sentiment as well as issuer optimism that global economic indicators are improving," Tom Kloet, TMX Group CEO, said in a statement.

"I think this dramatic surge in financing activity underscores the fact that TSX offers a very robust marketplace that helps our listed companies fuel their growth."

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Retailers cut deep to lure holiday shoppers

Canadian retailers are getting ready for the holiday season with rock-bottom prices and major promotional campaigns in hopes that shoppers will open their wallets and seize the opportunity to save.

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Wal-Mart says it will cut the prices of more than 18,000 items this month, which it says is 20 per cent more cuts than last year.

Both Wal-Mart and Sears Canada have unveiled campaigns centred around lower prices, particularly on bigger ticket items like iPods, LCD televisions, Blu-Ray players and cooking sets.

The price cuts come at a time when Canadians are not exactly in a mood to part with their cash — a recent consumer confidence study from research firm TNS suggests an increasing number are planning to put off major purchases.

The report indicates consumers are expected to tighten their spending habits to the lowest levels in four years, with about one-third of those surveyed expecting to spend less during the holidays than last year.

Many retailers complain that sales have remained stagnant since the startup of holiday shopping weeks ago.

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U.S., Japan will grow faster than Canada, OECD says

ECONOMY The world's rich and developed economies will grow faster next year than earlier expected, but the recovery will remain modest, with the United States and Japan outpacing Europe and other developed economies, including Canada, a Paris-based watchdog said Thursday.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development more than doubled its estimate for 2010 growth in its 30 member countries to 1.9 per cent.

In Canada, "the contraction that began in the last quarter of 2008 seems to have ended in the second half of 2009," the OECD said in its survey.

It said unemployment in Canada is projected to keep rising until the end of 2009 to 8.8 per cent, above the latest reading of 8.6 per cent in October, and will remain there for several months.

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Wind project to create 300 jobs

ENERGY Enbridge Inc. and Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. announced Thursday a partnership to develop a wind energy project in Ontario, which would create 300 construction jobs.

The 99 megawatt Talbot wind energy project in Chatham is expected to produce enough clean wind energy to power 33,000 average Canadian homes after it is completed in December 2010.

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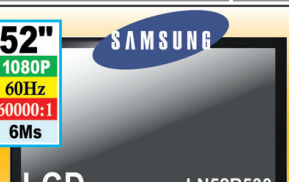

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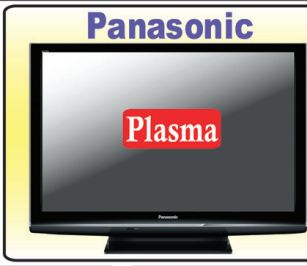

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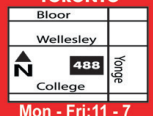

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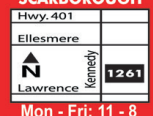

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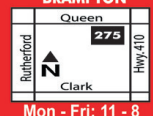

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Avaya cleared to buy part of Nortel

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Trump in the making?

Eight-year-old Ross is worth close to $1M

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

When Ryan Ross was three years old, he started a chicken-and-egg business in his backyard. Today, the eight-year-old is on his fourth company — and has already earned close to $1 million.

"I had 60 chickens and sold a dozen eggs for three dollars," recalls Ryan, who lives near Toronto. "I made $15 a day."

When he tired of selling eggs, Ryan launched his next venture: A lawn-mowing business. Ryan charged customers $20 per hour, but because he was too young to operate a lawnmower, he hired older kids to do the work — for $15 dollars an hour.

"He made $5 per hour for doing nothing," says his mother, Savannah. "It was the same thing with his next company, a power-washing business. We supplied the power-washer; he charged the customer $200 and paid a person $100 to do the work. And they're all his ideas. My husband and I are adamant that Ryan has to understand everything he's doing. If I do it for him, it's my company."

All along, Ryan has been investing his profit in real estate. Today he owns six buildings in Ontario and British Columbia; his personal net worth is $900,000. Ryan has also bought a hockey rink and basketball court for his family, and some 4,000 books for himself. But no cellphone: His parents won't allow it. "His friends in school don't believe he's a businessman", says Savannah. "They think it's baloney."

But Tiny Trump's ambitions go beyond real estate. "I want to buy two National Hockey League teams," Ryan tells Metro. "That way I can play in the NHL."

Explains Savannah: "Ryan thinks hockey is all fun. But he has to understand the business side, so now we're setting up meetings with NHL owners. They think it's very cute."

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Ryan Ross

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Torstar makes changes at the top

CORPORATE Torstar Corp.'s board of directors have confirmed David Holland as president and chief executive officer.

Holland, a chartered accountant who has worked for Torstar since 1986, had held the position on an interim basis since May.

Torstar owns the Toronto Star and thestar.com, as well as Harlequin Enterprises, Torstar Digital, Metroland Media Group, and other media properties.

The board also named Lorenzo DeMarchi as executive vice-president and chief financial officer, a position that Holland had also filled. DeMarchi moves up from vice-president, corporate development, and has held senior positions at Torstar since 1997.

Holland takes up his post at the end of a recession that has been remarkably unkind to newspapers across North America, including the Star, as advertising revenues have declined.

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South African runner allowed to keep medal

South African runner Caster Semenya will keep her 800-metre gold medal from the world championships, and the results of her gender tests will be kept confidential, the South African sports ministry said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Ireland demands replay of game

Ireland appealed to France and football authorities Thursday to replay their World Cup playoff in Paris after an obvious handball by Thierry Henry produced the winning goal. Ireland's government and football association are united in demands for Wednesday's 1-1 tie in France to be replayed, although Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni, left, dismissed the prospect as "impossible." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadians love skating? Go figure

Battle of the Blades helped viewers rediscover affection for the sport

The greatest outcome of the TV hit Battle of the Blades is that we Canadians have fallen in love with figure skating again.

Sure, there was the original fascination with hockey gods in sparkling outfits, dancing daintily without pads. Maybe we shared a secret hope for an untimely pratfall. At the outset we were a bit like voyeurs waiting for the proverbial train wreck to happen.

It never did.

Instead we rediscovered a deep affection for something that was always there — and that something is the majestic athleticism of figure skating.

So while Claude Lemieux, Craig Simpson and the rest of our hockey heroes became the focus of national attention for a moment, they were in fact our guides back to a wondrous sport that is so intrinsically Canadian.

When, in the grand finale, four-time world champion Kurt Browning gyrated around Maple Leaf Gardens ice, the clock went back to the glory days when he was king. The same was true of the poignant reunion of Barb Underhill and Paul Martini, who once reigned over global pairs skating. Meanwhile, Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon showed us the true magic of dancing on a frozen pond.

Let's hope Canada embraces figure skating and expresses this renewed connection to the obvious thrill of the sport now that Battle of the Blades has gone into hiatus.

The current generation of stars is anxiously entering its most competitive stage on the way to the home Olympics in Vancouver. It's a safe bet figure skating will claim much of the spotlight come February and almost certainly generate some of the signature moments of the Games.

Just as the "Battle of the Brians" (Orser and Boitano), and Elizabeth Manley and Katerina Witt gave the 1988 Calgary Olympics so much character, so too will the modern crop of Canadian skaters.

In Kitchener this weekend at Skate Canada, the final Grand Prix of the season, Patrick Chan, Joannie Rochette, Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison in the pairs, and ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir take the stage to form the strongest Canadian team in recent memory. All have hopes to win a medal at the Olympics.

Their spirits should soar because of a simple truth a reality show revealed.

Canada has found its way back to loving figure skating.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL San Francisco Giants ace Tim Lincecum won the NL Cy Young Award Thursday for the second straight year. Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters in the NL. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright finished third.

BASEBALL The Yankees' Andy Pettitte and the Mets' Fernando Tatis have become the final players to file for free agency this year. Pitcher John Lackey, and outfielders Matt Holliday and Jason Bay of Trail, B.C., head one of the weaker free-agent classes in recent years.

NFL Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson is prepared to revamp his entire football operation after the season and warned that no position is safe. "We've got to revamp and take a look at the whole operation and that's what we're going to do," Wilson told The Associated Press.

NFL Tony Dungy will lead a new NFL player advisory forum that will meet with players about league policies, programs and issues that affect their lives on and off the field. Those subjects will include player health and safety, personal conduct, game rules and procedures, career transition and player development.

NHL The Carolina Hurricanes have placed goalie Cam Ward and centre Eric Staal on the injured list. The team said Thursday that Ward was put on the long-term injured list, while Staal was placed on the injured list.

F1 Former world champion Kimi Raikkonen confirms he will take a one-year sabbatical from Formula One next season and says it's uncertain whether he will return in 2011. The Finnish driver was replaced by Fernando Alonso at Ferrari, and says he prefers to take a year off and wait for spot with a competitive team after failing to reach a deal with McLaren.

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Leafs blow lead against 'Canes

Tuomo Ruutu and Jussi Jokinen scored in the shootout as the Carolina Hurricanes rallied from three goals down to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-5 Thursday night.

The latest meeting of the NHL's worst teams had a wild finish. Ian White put the Maple Leafs ahead 5-4 with 29.9 seconds remaining, but Erik Cole tapped in a rebound with 1.9 seconds left to force overtime.

After an uneventful overtime, Ruutu and Jokinen beat Jonas Gustavsson with wrist shots and Manny Legace stopped Phil Kessel and Lee Stempniak to preserve his first victory with the Hurricanes.

Alexei Ponikarovsky had a goal and an assist, while Matt Stajan, Stempniak and Mikhail Grabovski also scored for the Maple Leafs, who led 3-0 after one period but extended their winless streak to five.

With the loss, Toronto finds itself in sole possession of last place in the NHL.

Tim Gleason scored twice in the third period, Matt Cullen had a goal and an assist, and he and Stephane Yelle scored 43 seconds apart in the second to lead Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHERYL BROOM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toronto Maple Leafs John Mitchell, Nikolai Kulemin and Lee Stempniak celebrate Stempniak's goal against the Carolina Hurricanes Thursday night in Raleigh, N.C. The Leafs blew a three-goal, first-period lead and lost 6-5 to the Hurricanes in a shootout.

Mayweather to fight Pacquiao?

Bob Arum of promoter Top Rank said Thursday he's ready to negotiate a showdown between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao, even suggesting potential locations and acknowledging that his Filipino star is willing to fight at 147 pounds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New TFC coach lays down law

It was a disappointing end to a season that started with plenty of optimism.

Toronto FC was shut out in its regular-season finale and missed out on the playoffs by a single point. Days later, interim coach Chris Cummins left the team and confirmed that a few "poor characters" had disrupted the locker-room.

Enter Predrag Radosavlijevic — known by his nickname "Preki" — who was introduced as Toronto FC's new head coach Thursday.

Preki, who left Chivas USA this month after three seasons as head coach, said he's up for the challenge of getting Toronto FC on track. He also made it very clear that he's only interested in players who are committed, united and are willing to put in the work.

"We'll have two groups," Preki said. "The group that wants to go on the ship and the group that doesn't want to go on the ship. And that's going to make it easy for us.

"It's going to be up to them. The opportunity will be given to them. Now are you in or are you out? It's very simple."

Predrag Radosavlijevic

Some Toronto FC players were quite honest with their assessments after the team missed the playoffs for the third straight year.

Star midfielder Dwayne De Rosario said some of his teammates lacked heart. Rookie midfielder Sam Cronin said a new mentality was needed.

Preki didn't duck the locker-room issue at his introductory news conference. He said he won't have time for any so-called bad apples.

"Things will be different," he said. "How different? You just have to wait and see, you just have to trust all of us right here."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ortiz-Griffin fight a clash of personalities

BARRETT HOOPER
for Metro Canada

There are plenty of reasons to tune in to Saturday's UFC 106 main event but the fight itself, a rematch between Tito Ortiz and Forrest Griffin, is almost an afterthought.

It's not as though fans have been clamouring for the two former light-heavyweight champs to settle some UFC-fabricated grudge that's lingered since Ortiz won a split decision three years ago. In fact, Griffin is a pinch-hitter for an injured Mark Coleman and the original main event was actually a heavyweight title fight between champ Brock Lesnar and Shane Carwin, which was cancelled when Lesnar became ill.

That doesn't mean the fight isn't without drama. It's as much about a clash of personalities as it is fighting styles.

Ortiz is a cocky loudmouth who hasn't fought in 18 months, in part due to back surgery but mostly because he and one-time close friend UFC president Dana White hated each other's guts.

While Ortiz is one of MMA's most disliked fighters, Griffin is one of its most popular, in large part because he won the first season of The Ultimate Fighter reality series. But the last time we saw Griffin he was sprinting from the octagon in embarrassment after getting knocked out by Anderson Silva at UFC 101.

Hopefully, the fight between Ortiz the wrestler and Griffin the striker lives up to the buildup.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	PT
d-Washington	21	13	4	4	79	64	30
d-New Jersey	19	14	5	0	53	40	28
d-Buffalo	18	12	5	1	50	43	25
Pittsburgh	21	14	7	0	66	58	28
Philadelphia	18	12	5	1	65	45	25
N.Y. Rangers	21	11	9	1	63	58	23
N.Y. Islanders	21	8	6	7	60	64	23
Tampa Bay	18	8	4	6	48	53	22
Atlanta	17	10	6	1	63	50	21
Ottawa	18	9	6	3	51	54	21
Boston	20	8	8	4	47	52	20
Montreal	21	10	11	0	52	61	20
Florida	19	8	9	2	55	65	18
Toronto	**19**	**3**	**11**	**5**	**47**	**71**	**11**
Carolina	20	3	12	5	44	75	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	PT
d-San Jose	23	14	5	4	76	57	32
d-Colorado	22	13	6	3	67	62	29
d-Chicago	19	12	5	2	57	46	26
Los Angeles	23	13	8	2	71	70	28
Calgary	19	12	5	2	61	50	26
Columbus	19	11	6	2	58	67	24
Dallas	20	9	5	6	62	58	24
Phoenix	21	12	9	0	54	51	24
Detroit	19	10	6	3	63	57	23
Vancouver	21	11	10	0	62	57	22
Nashville	19	10	8	1	43	51	21
Edmonton	22	9	10	3	66	70	21
St. Louis	18	6	8	4	41	47	16
Minnesota	21	7	12	2	51	66	16
Anaheim	19	6	10	3	54	67	15

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A Moon to swoon

From left, Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner star in The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

The Twilight Saga: **New Moon**

Director: Chris Weitz
Stars: Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

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CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

No matter how this review of New Moon ends, whether this critic loves or loathes the film, is irrelevant. If you're one of the legion of "Twi-Hards," you'll be stepping on heads to see it this weekend anyway.

Nevertheless, Chris Weitz's eagerly anticipated follow-up to Catherine Hardwicke's blockbuster vampire epic Twilight isn't half bad: It's a faithful, swoony, sweaty palmed teen-centric fantasy circus that knows exactly what its fervent fanbase demands and delivers those goods by the coffin load.

New Moon (based on the same named novel by series founder Stephenie Meyer) picks up shortly after the dramatic events of Twilight left off, with mortal high-school misfit Bella (Kristen Stewart) going steady with hunky vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) — dangers be damned.

But when a cut finger awakens the bloodlust in the Cullen clan, Edward flees, leaving his human muse to the affections of über-buff werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) resulting in more heartache and PG-level horror.

New Moon isn't Shakespeare by any stretch (though Romeo and Juliet does figure rather heavy handedly into the narrative) but it is commendably hardcore in its single-minded drive to please its mostly female audience.

It's positively filled to the bursting point with doe-eyed romance, heavy petting, dreamy dialogue and shirtless werewolves (at the screening I attended, a chorus of young women sighed in unison every time Lautner doffed his duds, which was often).

But even if a supernatural soap opera isn't your thing, New Moon contains some dazzling imagery and action sequences that are simply beautiful to behold. An extended set piece involving Bella, her vampiric nemesis Victoria (Rachelle Lefevre), and a heroic werewolf is driven by the hypnotic rhythm of Radiohead; its fluid CGI trickery and mild ferocity absolutely spellbinding in their design.

Same goes for the pulpy climax, where real deal actors Michael Sheen (Frost/Nixon) and Dakota Fanning (War of the Worlds) embody designer evil as the leaders of the dreaded Volturi.

If New Moon has any real flaws, they're certainly no fault of the filmmakers. Meyer's novel was ultimately a bridge, the mid chapter of a quartet that serves to set up the sting of Eclipse (the film version of which is currently in post-production) and the climax of Breaking Dawn. But New Moon is effective and it not only honours its source, it also does what the first film couldn't quite achieve: It etches out an identity of its own.

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Adams wearing producer's hat

Amy Adams is turning producer on her next project. The Julie and Julia star is clearly fan enough of Adena Halpern's novel My Ten Best Days that she wants to oversee its journey to the screen. EMPIREONLINE.COM

More like the boring Side

Quinton Aaron, centre, and Sandra Bullock star in The Blind Side.

The Blind **Side**

Director: John Lee Hancock
Stars: Sandra Bullock, Quinton Aaron
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

About what feels like it should be three quarters of the way through The Blind Side, massive, mild-mannered football phenomenon Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) finally takes the field in the movie's only showcase of the high school football it spends a fair amount of time discussing.

(It's not until the movie finally ends that you realize that sequence was more like halfway through.)

It's an exciting scene, filled with enough tension and emotion to make even the football-phobic sit up and take notice.

But that's just one scene.

After that, it's back to the tale of Oher being adopted by Leigh Anne (Sandra Bullock) and Sean Touhy (Tim McGraw), wealthy, white parents who open their home to poor, black Oher after he's granted a free ride to their biological children's private school.

The problem is, for all the built-in drama of the true story with a very happy ending (Oher was drafted to the Baltimore Ravens, playing his first season with the team this year), the end product is long, boring and entirely too self-congratulatory on the adoptive parents' part.

After watching Aaron's portrayal of Oher — completely accurate, by all accounts — what would be remarkable is anyone not wanting to help such a kind, lovable young man once they've met him.

Newcomer Aaron does a commendable job with what little he's given to work with, doing his best to showcase a young man determined not to let the shortcomings of the hand he was dealt stop him from being a good person.

But, his role is mostly reduced to a prop for Bullock's Leigh Anne, a gaudy, scenery-chewing spitfire of a woman.

After watching her stomp around for 126 minutes lecturing everyone around her in an ever-shifting accent, a nice game of football would be very welcome.

• For The Blind Side photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Moore doc out of Oscar race

Of the 89 documentary films eligible for Oscar consideration this year, 15 were selected for a short list of potential nominees. And Michael Moore's Capitalism: A Love Story wasn't one of them.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced the 15 titles Wednesday.

Some of the year's most popular documentary features were overlooked, including Moore's R-rated film, which was praised by critics and earned more than $14 million at the box office.

Also omitted from Oscar consideration was the well-reviewed Mike Tyson documentary Tyson, the rock-doc It Might Get Loud, and the story of Vogue magazine and its editor-in-chief, The September Issue.

The short list of films is determined by a committee of members of the academy's documentary branch. They watch all eligible contenders and vote for their favourites by secret ballot. The top vote-getters make the short list of potential nominees.

Five documentary features from that list will be chosen as nominees for the 82nd Academy Awards. Nominations will be announced Feb. 2, 2010, and the awards will be presented March 7.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The long list

• The selections this year are The Beaches of Agnes, Burma VJ, The Cove, Every Little Step, Facing Ali, Food, Inc., Garbage Dreams, Living in Emergency: Stories of Doctors Without Borders, The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers, Mugabe and the White African, Sergio, Soundtrack for a Revolution, Under Our Skin, Valentino The Last Emperor and Which Way Home.

Facinelli Pattinson's wingman

He may play Robert Pattinson's vampire dad in the Twilight movies — but in real life, Peter Facinelli is more his wingman. "People always come up to me say, 'Oh my god ... can you give this letter to Rob?'" he tells Women's Health. PEOPLE.COM

Reel Time

A CLASSIC; EXCELLENT; GOOD; FAIR; POOR

It's Rain-ing Ninjas

Korean pop star sweats it out for martial arts role

STEV GOW
for Metro Canada

When Korean pop star Rain took the lead role of an elite killer in Ninja Assassin, he knew it was going to be difficult but he surely wasn't prepared for what would be the most arduous challenge.

"I trained for eight months, five days a week, eight hours a day," said the 27-year old during a recent stop in Toronto. "(But) the hardest part was food. I really love junk food — French fries, hamburgers, pizza — I ate only chicken breast and vegetables. No sugar, no salt — it was so painful."

As challenging as his diet was, Ninja Assassin — which opens Wednesday — will be a huge break in North America for the international singer whose already conquered the charts in Asia and been named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People Who Shape Our World — an honour that may have helped land him a role in last year's Speed Racer.

"I couldn't have done this without the crew (of Speed Racer)," said Rain, noting that directors the Wachowski brothers (who produced Ninja Assassin) marked him for the role from the start. "When we were working on Speed Racer, Larry and Andy Wachowski offered (the role) to me. How could I say no to them?"

Adopting the classic ninja storyline in which orphans are disciplined in secret schools to become stealthy killers, Ninja Assassin tells the tale of an agile ninja (Rain) who rejects the clan and sets his sights on ending the practice of kidnapping children to transform into deadly assassins.

Korean pop star Rain plays an elite killer in Ninja Assassin.

Ninja Assassin opens in theatres on Wednesday

"When we were working on Speed Racer, Larry and Andy Wachowski offered (the role) to me. How could I say no to them?"
Korean star Rain

"The history of ninjas is true," said Rain, explaining that the Japanese lore dates back to the 14th century.

"When I was young, I loved ninja movies because I had a Japanese friend who told me about ninja history … (they're) very mysterious."

Assassin also gave Rain the chance to dive into a cinematic genre that's always fascinated him — martial arts. But while he admits Bruce Lee's Enter the Dragon is his favourite martial arts movie, it's another type of actor that Rain personally idolizes.

"Do you know Scarface?" asked Rain rhetorically. "That's my favourite. I love Al Pacino — I want to work with him."

Watch out Al, you have a Ninja Assassin on your tail.

Mary and Max engaging for all

Mary and Max
Director: Adama Elliot
Stars: Voices of Phillip Seymore Hoffman, Toni Colette
Classification: PG
Rating:

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

A scene from the stop-motion film Mary and Max.

REVIEW Given the ubiquity of computer animated films these days, anomalies like Mary and Max are rare treats. An Australian stop-motion animated film written and directed by first timer Adam Elliot, the movie manages an impressive feat, presenting a visually stunning and a touching story of two outsiders.

Mary is a socially awkward eight-year-old girl growing up in Australia in the 1970s with her pet rooster, taxidermy-enthusiast father and her Sherrie-pickled mother. One day she randomly writes a letter to Max, voiced by Phillip Seymour Hoffman, an equally socially-troubled man in his 40s living in New York. An over-eater who suffers from Asperger's Syndrome, Max has lived his entire life never having had a real friend.

The two quickly bond over their shared feelings of inadequacy and love of chocolate and forge a deep and friendship as pen-pals throughout Mary's teenaged years and into adulthood.

Though ostensibly framed as a children's story with a nobody's perfect, so be happy with yourself theme, Mary and Max is hardly a movie just for the kids. The film touches on issues surrounding mental illness, alcoholism and suicide giving the film a deeper and darker tone not unlike the touching opening scenes in this summer's Up.

But what makes the film so appealing is Elliot's wickedly weird sense of humour. The comedy becomes as much a part of the film's feel as the plasticine characters and sets.

In stark contrast to many animated features that tend to alternate between a joke for the kids and a joke for the parents, the jokes here are often multi-layered; kids will laugh at the inherent silliness of a grown man eating chocolate hot dogs, while simultaneously parents will appreciate the efforts Elliot takes to develop his characters.

Mary and Max is a animated film that equally engages all age groups, while never talking down to anyone.

Neill joins Snyder film
Sam Neill has signed up to join Zack Snyder's animated film Guardians of Ga'Hoole, currently in production in Sydney. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Precious sucker-punch film

Precious: Based on the novel Push **by Sapphire**

Director: Lee Daniels
Stars: Gabourney Sidibe, Mo'Nique
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐½

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW An Audience Award winner at this year's Toronto International Film Festival, Precious rolls back into town with the hype machine at full blast. At this point, a Best Picture nomination looks like a fait accompli.

Which doesn't mean that the film, a fact-based account of Job-like misery as experienced by a teenage girl in late 80s Harlem, is a worthy piece of work.

Precious comes advertised with adjectives like "harrowing," and it is, but the discomfort mostly stems from director Lee Daniels' willingness — and even eagerness — to revel in grotesque urban-nightmare imagery. Over the course of the film, 16-year old Precious (Gabby Sidibe), who has already born two children by her own father, is subjected to an unending stream of verbal and physical abuse, most of it stemming from her ornery, shut-in mother (Mo'Nique).

After enrolling in a special education class presided over by a pretty, supportive young teacher (Paula Patton), Precious feels her first stirrings of hope — which is the film's cue to cut her back down with extreme prejudice.

The film's defenders claim that Daniels is merely displaying fidelity to his source material, but there's a line between empathy and exploitation, and Precious trips all over it.

Daniels' direction is pure sucker-punch cinema, a one-two combination of shock tactics and sanctimonious uplift. The fantasy set-piece where Precious is surrounded by archival-footage avatars of African-American achievers would be insulting if it wasn't so ludicrous.

Story mars Planet 51

Planet **51**

Director: Jorge Blanco, Javier Abad, Marcos Martinez
Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Justin Long
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Planet 51, the latest in this year's long line of computer-animated movies, suffers from its own false advertising.

The trailers, commercials and posters popping up over the past month have alluded to a novel tale about a U.S. astronaut (voiced by Dwayne Johnson) landing on a new planet and being greeted as a hideous alien monster by the little green men who inhabit it.

That story is in the film, to be sure, but it's in no way the focus.

Instead, Planet 51 focuses on the little green men, particularly, a plucky but confidence-deficient teen named Lem (voiced by the ubiquitous Justin Long), who is awkward but well-intentioned and has trouble verbalizing his affections for his comely neighbour, Neera (Jessica Biel).

The alien astronaut is reduced to a mere device to push Lem out of his comfort zone, boost his confidence and teach him all the lessons he obviously has to learn. It's a story we've seen countless times before.

The first feature from Spain's Ilion Animation, Planet 51 is visually fantastic, the animation a new benchmark for the genre. It's just a shame the story can't match up. The primary conceit of the film's alien world is that it very much resembles America in the 1950s — or a least a reductionist, caricature view of America in the 1950s.

Except the filmmakers can't even keep their decades straight, as all the bobby socks and Father Knows Best sensibility coexist with some very 1960s hippie activists.

The panic over the perceived invasion naturally leads to a bucketload of homages to 1950s B-movies. Only, those movies were referenced and lampoons to much greater effect already in last Spring's Monsters vs. Aliens. The only difference here is the role reversal, which needs a lot more meat behind it to sustain a whole feature film.

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Dwayne Johnson and Justin Long lend their voices to two of Planet 51's lead characters.

Lieutenant unusual

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans

Director: Werner Herzog
Stars: Nicolas Cage
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Nicolas Cage and Eva Mendes star in Bad Lieutenant.

The big screen marriage of Hollywood heavyweight Nicolas Cage and German arthouse eccentric Werner Herzog may seem odd on paper, but the final product is even odder, a joyous wallow in pulp excess that stands alone.

Borrowing part of the name and theme of Abel Ferrara's bizarro 1992 existential exploitation film (that boasted the most unhinged and hair raising of Harvey Keitel's performances), Herzog's Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans is hypnotic, violent and occasionally, laugh out loud hilarious.

Cage stars as Lt. Terence McDonagh, a cop who already treads the line of corruption and bad taste until a horrific drug-related massacre — and a bout of agonizing back pain — sends him spiraling into a vortex of substance-soaked self medication and generally hideous, antisocial behavior.

Although on the surface, Bad Lieutenant may seem like Herzog lite, the very fact that film is trying to pass itself off as something even marginally mainstream makes it perhaps the most offbeat work in the director's oeuvre.

The movie is certainly filled with that meditative eeriness, that tongue-in-cheek depravity and uncomfortable beauty that defines the best of Herzog (think Aguirre: The Wrath of God or Woyzeck) but watching the filmmaker trying to squeeze those sensibilities into a conventional thriller model is nothing short of dizzying and will no doubt prove trying to tamer viewers.

By the time Herzog utilizes his much discussed iguana cam, you're either going to be in love with the film or you'll bolt for the exits in bewilderment.

Those cynical cineastes who have written off Cage as a blockbuster baiting hack need to go back into the vaults and revisit the actors defining, early work. Fare like Vampire's Kiss, David Lynch's Wild at Heart and Raising Arizona showed that when a filmmaker gives Cage the right material, and stands well back, he can burn the screen up with operatic aplomb, riffing maniacally like a cacophonic jazzman but always maintaining a kind of wounded emotional core.

That's the Cage we get here, and it's easily his best turn since Adaptation. Sweaty, swampy, lurid and lively, Bad Lieutenant is the most deliciously unusual film of 2009.

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Luhrmann honoured Down Under
Baz Luhrmann has been honoured in his native Australia for his contribution to the country's film industry. The Moulin Rouge moviemaker was handed the Living Legend trophy at the Inside Film Awards on Tuesday night. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

On The Road to apocalypse

Director John Hillcoat on the set of The Road.

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Under normal circumstances, adapting a best-selling Pulitzer Prize-winning novel for the big-screen might be an unnerving prospect but when it came to making The Road, director John Hillcoat had an ace in his pocket.

"Luckily I read it before it was published so none of that baggage was there," admitted the filmmaker during a recent interview.

"But what I did was not try to think of all (the expectations). To me, it was just one of the most moving love stories I've ever come across and that's what we were all engaged with."

For those who've crossed paths with Cormac McCarthy's masterpiece, the film is every bit as bleak, beautiful and heart-wrenching as the 2006 novel.

Set in a not-so-far away post-apocalyptic time, Viggo Mortensen plays a father who struggles to survive alongside his son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) in a world where the solace of discovering a cellar full of canned pears is tantamount to buried treasure.

Matching that tone was crucial and anyone familiar with Hillcoat's 2005 film The Proposition knew the director had a knack for capturing that same bleak landscape that was necessary for The Road.

"(Landscape) is like one of the main characters," said Hillcoat of his mastery of atmosphere. "In both (The Proposition and The Road), the characters actually react to the environment in a (similar) way to how they act off each other so it's quite a dynamic relationship."

"(In The Road), it's not enough sun and too much cold and each creates a pressure on how people live and relate."

• The Road opens next Friday.

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Hold the Line (STC) Mon 6:45
The Informant! (14A) Fri 4:30-9 Sat 4:30 Sun 4:15 Tue 4:15
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Thu 6:30
Laughology (STC) Sat 7 Sun 2-9
Mary and Max (PG) Fri 7 Sat 9:15 Sun 7 Mon 4:15-9:30 Tue 9:30 Wed 4:15
Los Mexicanos: The Struggle for the Justice of Patricia Perez (STC) Wed 6:55
Northland (STC) Mon 7
Painting Red Square (STC) Wed 7:40
Repo! The Genetic Opera (18A) Thu 9:30
School Zone (STC) Wed 6:30
Seeds of Peace (STC) Thu 6:30
Six Weeks of Solidarity (STC) Mon 6:30
Tanaka-san Will Not Do Calisthenics (STC) Mon 7:15
You, Me and the SPP: Trading Democracy for Corporate Rule (STC) Tue 6:30

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

Bright Star (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:55-9:35
Cairo Time (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:15
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:6:45-9:50
Good Hair (PG) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:15-9:55
The Horse Boy (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:25-7:30-9:45
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:25
Inside Hana's Suitcase (STC) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:25-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-7-9:40
Love & Savagery (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Antichrist (R) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:20-10
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-7-9:50
A Serious Man (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:20
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10-10:10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:15-10:15
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:30
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:45 Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:30-3:40-9:45 Mon-Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:30-3:40-9:45
Ichi (Japanese w/e.s.t.) (STC) Thu 7
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 2-4:50-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:25
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30 Sat 6:45-9:30 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:30-10
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:50-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:50-10:30
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sat 12:20-3:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:40 No Passes Fri 11:50-12:20-1:50-3-3:30-5-6:10-6:40-8:10-9:20-9:50-11:20 No Passes Sat 11:50-1:50-3-5-6:10-6:40-8:10-9:20-9:50-11:20 No Passes Sun 11:50-12:20-1:50-3-3:30-5-6:10-6:40-8:10-9:20-9:50 No Passes Mon 11:50-12:20-1:50-3-3:30-5-6:40-8:10-9:30-9:50 No Passes Tue 11:50-12:20-1:50-3-3:30-5-6:10-6:40-8:10-9:20-9:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:20-1:50-3:30-5-6:40-8:10-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:10-10:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sat 12-3:10-6:20-9 Sun 12-3:10-6:20 Mon-Thu 12-3:10-6:20-9
WWE: Survivor Series 2009 (STC) Sun 8

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80 Front St., 416-494-9371

2012 (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4-7:20-10:30 Sun-Mon 1-4-7:20 Tue 1-4-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4-7:20
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30-11:50 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 12:45-3-5-7:05-9:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-6:45-9:20-11:55 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:45-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:10-11:10 Sun-Thu 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15-11:45 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15 Thu 3:40-6:30-9:15 Thu 1

REVUE CINEMA
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Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Sat-Sun 1:30
The Cove (PG) Tue 9:30 Wed 7 Thu 9
Enlighten Up! (PG) Wed 9 Thu 7
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Sun 7 Mon 9:20
Owning Mahowny (14A) Tue 7
Rain (PG) Sat 4
Travels on the Globe With Andrew Princz (STC) Sun 4
Whip It (PG) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon 7

THE ROYAL
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5 Day Scam (STC) Wed 8:30
Black Ice (STC) Thu 8:30
A Film With Me in It (STC) Mon 8:30
For a Moment, Freedom (STC) Wed 6
Half-Life (STC) Fri 6
The Last Homecoming (STC) Sun 8:30
Little Robbers (STC) Tue 6
The Lovebirds (STC) Mon 6
A Prophet (STC) Fri 8:30
The Room (STC) Fri 11:30
Time to Die (STC) Thu 6
Under the Stars (STC) Sun 6
A Whole Life Ahead (STC) Sat 6
Winter in Wartime (STC) Tue 8:30
The World Is Big and Salvation Lurks Around the Corner (STC) Sat 8:30

VARSITY
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Coco Avant Chanel (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:40-6:20-8:50 Mon 1:10-8:50 Tue 1:10-3:40-6:20-8:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon 12:20-2:30-9:40 Tue-Thu 12:20-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40
An Education (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:20 Fri-Thu 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:55
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-2:20-4:40-7:15-9:35
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50 Fri-Wed 1:45-4:05-6:35-9:15 Thu 1:45-4:05
Precious: Based on the Novel "Push" by Sapphire (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:20-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:9:30-10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:55-3:25-6:45-9:45
Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-6:55-9:10
The September Issue (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-6:40-9 Fri-Thu 1:25-4:35-6:55-9:35

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Amreeka (English & Arabic w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 4:15-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:40-9:15
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 4:40-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10
The Box (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:35-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:40
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:50-6:55-9 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-6:55-9 Mon-Thu 4:50-6:55-9
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 4:05-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:15-9:50
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:20-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:45
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 4:30-6:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:50

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The Boys Are Back (PG) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun 7 Thu 9:15
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Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:50-10:15 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:40-3:45-6:50-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:45-7:10:30
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Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-2:45-5:7:30-10:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 2:15-5:7:40-10:30 Sat 7:40-10:30 Sun 2:15-5:7:40-10:30 Mon 1:30-4:10:20 Tue 2:15-5:7:40-10:20
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:30 Sat 6:20-9:30 Sun 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:30 Mon 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:20 Tue 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:45-3-5:20-7:40-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Mon-Tue 2:30-4:50-7:20-9:40 Wed 4:40-7:20-9:40 Thu 2:20-4:40-7:20-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat 12:20-3:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat 6:40-9:50

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The Box (14A) Fri 5:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:25-5:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:05-10:35
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 1:30-4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-7-9:30
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Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Wed-Thu 1:45-2:30-3:15-4:15-5:5:45-6:25-7:25-8:25-9:9:45-10:45
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:35-7:35-9-10:20-11:10 Sat 11:10-12:20-1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:35-7:35-9-10:20 Mon-Tue 1:45-2:45-4:10-5:10-6:35-7:35-9-10:20 Wed-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:35-10:20
I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (18A) Fri 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon-Tue 2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri-Thu 2:25-7:50
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 1:50-2:50-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-12-1:50-2:50-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:55 Mon-Tue 1:50-2:50-4:45-5:45-7:25-8:25-9:55-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:45-7:25-9:55
Ninja Assassin (18A) Wed-Thu 2-2:40-3:20-4:10-4:50-5:30-6-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:50-10:20-10:50
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 2:30-3:30-5-6-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Sat-Sun 10:40-12:10-1:20-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Mon-Tue 2:30-3:30-5-6-7:20-8:20-9:50-10:50 Wed-Thu 2:30-5-7:20-9:50
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 11-12-1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:35-2:35-4:05-5:05-6:40-7:40-9:10-10:10
The Sacrifice (STC) Fri 3:20-6:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:45-10:15
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:10

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri-Sat 2:45-6:15-9:30 Sun 2:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-8:15
Heer Ranjha - A True Love Story (STC) Fri-Sun 3-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-8

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 12:40-3:20-4:20-7-8-10:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:50-12:40-3:20-4:20-7-8-10:35 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:40-3:20-4:20-7-8-10:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-7:10:35 No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:30-10
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:10-3:35-6:50-10:10 No Passes Wed 3:35-6:50-10:10 No Passes Thu 12:10-3:35-6:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-4:25-7:20-10:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 12:25-3:25-6:20-9:25 Sat 3:25-6:20-9:25 Sun-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:20-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:05-6:35
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-4:55-7:25-10:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:50-2:10-4:20-6:35-9
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Tue 9:20
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:25
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4:10-7:15-9:55 Wed 4:10-7:15-9:55 Thu 1-4:10-7:15-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:55-9:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:20-5:10-8:10-8:40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 11:55-2:15-4:35-7:05-9:30
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 1:55-4:50-7:50-10:15 Sat 12:25-7:50-10:15 Sun 1:55-4:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:50-7:50-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:45-9:40
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sat 12:30-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sun-Mon 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Tue-Wed 12:30-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:30-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:55 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:10-10:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Tue 3:15-6:15-9
WWE: Survivor Series 2009 (STC) Sun 8

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:40-4:50-7:9:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:30
Old Dogs (G) Wed-Thu 12:50-2:55-5:7:05-9:15
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:55-7:15-9:35
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-2:45-4:55-7-9:10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-1:15-3:35-4:05-6:35-6:55-9:20-9:40

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:20-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 7:30-10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:20-3:30-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Bright Star (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4-7 Mon 7 Tue 9:15 Wed 1:30
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri-Mon 9:15 Tue 7
Good Hair (PG) Wed 7 Thu 9:15
Handmade Nation (STC) Sat 4:30
The Informant! (14A) Wed 9 Thu 7
Ponyo (G) Sun 2

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:50-10 No Passes Sat 1:10-4:10-6:50-10 No Passes Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:50
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri 3:40-7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-7:20-10:05
The Box (14A) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun-Thu 9:20
Coco Avant Chanel (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 3:50-6:20 Sun 1-3:50-6:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:45 Sat 6:55-9:45 Sun 1:20-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:45
An Education (PG) Fri 4:40-7-9:40 Sat 1:50-4:40-7-9:40 Sun 1:50-4:40-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7-9:30
Ichi (Japanese w/e.s.t.) (STC) Thu 7
Inside Hana's Suitcase (STC) Fri 3:55-6:30-9:20 Sat 9:20 Sun 12:45-3:55-6:30-9:15 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:30-9:15 Thu 3:55-9:15
Kurbaan (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 5:20-9 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:40-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-8:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 5-7:30-9:50 Sat 2-5-7:30-9:50 Sun 2-5-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:40
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 4:20-7:10-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10 Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:55-4:25-7:15-9:55 Mon-Wed 4:25-7:15-9:55 Thu 4:25-6:55-9:55

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

2012 (14A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-2:45-3:30-5-6:35-7:20-8:30-10:15-11:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:10-2:45-3:30-5-6:35-7:20-8:30-10:15 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-2:45-3:30-5-6:35-7:20-8:30-10:15
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:5-7:50-10:10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 7-9:40-11:59 Stadium Seating Sun 10:35 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 7-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:50-4:50-7:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:20-10
Old Dogs (G) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed 2:50-5:10-7:30-9:40 Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 2:50-5:10-9:40
Paranormal Activity (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 10-11:55 Stadium Seating Sun-Tue 10
Planet 51 (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:35
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 12:50-1:40-2:30-3:50-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:45-9:50-10:30-11:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 12:50-1:40-2:30-3:50-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:45-9:50-10:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 1:40-2:30-3:50-4:40-5:30-6:50-7:40-8:45-9:50-10:30
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 2-3:20-6:30-7-10:10-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7-10:10-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-2-4:20-6:30-8:10:10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-6:55-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:15-3:40-6:55-10:05
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:45 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 12:15-2:30-5-7:30-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12-2:20-4:50-7:15-9:40
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4:15-7:20-10:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:40
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:40-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-9:45
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-12:50-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:30-4-

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Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:50-6:20-9
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:05
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-1:3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10

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300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 12-2-3:20-6:10-7:10-10:40 No Passes Sat 12-2-3:25-6:10-7:10-10:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-2-3:20-6:10-7:10-10:40
Aadhavan (Tamil) (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-6-9:30
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Tue 12:50-3:40-6:30
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:20-10:30
The Box (14A) Fri-Tue 9:20
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Tue 12:15 Wed-Thu 12:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 12:45-3:35-6:20-9:40 Sat 3:35-6:20-9:40 Sun 12:45-3:35-6:35 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:35-6:20-9:40
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:15-6-9:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:15 Sat 12:55-7:15-10:15 Sun 1:40-4:20-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:20-7:15-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Tue 3-6:50-10:10 Wed-Thu 3-6:50-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:50-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20
WWE: Survivor Series 2009 (STC) Sun 8

EGLINTON TOWNE CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-12:40-1:50-3:40-4:20-6:10-7:8-9:40-10:30 No Passes Sun 12-12:40-1:50-3:40-4:20-6:10-7:8-9:40 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:40-4:20-6:10-7:8-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-4:45-7:15-9:35
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:30 Mon-Tue 4:10-6:30
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4:15-7:30-10:40 No Passes Sun 1-4:15-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:50 Mon-Tue 3:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 5:15-7:50-10:15 Wed-Thu 5:7:50-10:15
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:10
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Tue 6:20-9:10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:45 Sun 1:40-4:50-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:55-10:25
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:40-7:20-10:05 Sun 1:45-4:40-7:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:35-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:20-7-9:40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:10-6:30-9:20
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:45-10:10 Mon-Tue 5:10-7:45-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:10-10:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Tue 9:20
WWE: Survivor Series 2009 (STC) Sun 8

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-2-3:25-6:25-7-9:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-5-6:40-8:30-10:05
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10
The Box (14A) Fri-Tue 9
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:50-10:30 Mon-Tue 4:45-7:30-10:15
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:6:50-9:20 Mon-Tue 4:6:50-9:45 Wed-Thu 4:6:55-9:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:45-6:50-9
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:20-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:20-8:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-12:40-1:10-3:10-3:40-4:10-6:10-6:40-7:10-9:10-9:40-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-3:40-4:10-6-6:30-7:10-8:50-9:20-10

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Cairo Time (STC) Fri 2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:25-2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:40-4:55-7:15-9:25
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Coco Before Chanel (PG) Fri 2-4:30-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:05-9:40
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 2:20-5-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:30-10:05
De Dana Dan (STC) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 3-5:30-8-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 3-5:30-8-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
An Education (PG) Fri 3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Good Hair (PG) Fri 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15
I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 4:15-6:55-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 2:45-3:30-5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:12:30-1:15-2:45-3:30-5:5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:45-3:30-5:5:45-7:15-8:05-9:30-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:00-9:15-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-1:2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:00-9:15-10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:00-9:15-10
Prom Night in Mississippi (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-1:25-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05
The Sacrifice (STC) Special Engagement Fri 2:30-5:50-9:15 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-2:30-5:50-9:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:30-5:50-9:15
A Serious Man (14A) Fri 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:50
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:25-6:55-9:20
Zombieland (14A) Fri 3:25-5:35-7:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:15-3:25-5:35-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:25-5:35-7:40-9:55

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Fri-Sun 3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-8
Tum Mile (PG) Fri-Sun 4:30-7:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Sun 12-7:30 Mon-Thu 3-8:30
9 (PG) Fri-Sun 4:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 8:25
All About Steve (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-3:30-7:10-9 Mon-Thu 1:15-3-4:45-6:30-8:15
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri-Sun 12-3:30-7:15 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:05-6:30
G-Force (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2-4:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-6 Mon-Thu 5
The Informant! (14A) Fri-Sun 5:20-9:05 Mon-Thu 1-4:40
Love Happens (PG) Fri-Sun 5:15 Mon-Thu 6:35
Surrogates (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-3-6-7:35-9:05 Mon-Thu 1-2:30-4-5:30-7-8:30

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7-9:30-10:10-10:40 No Passes Sun 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7-9:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:40-2-4:15-6:30-8:15-9:30-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-2-4:15-6:30-8:15-10:10
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:20
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:20 Sat 6:20-9:20 Sun 12:10-3:10-6:35 Mon-Tue 12:10-3:10-6:20-9:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5:7:30-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3-6:45-9:15
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sat 7:50-10:30 Sun 10:30 Mon-Tue 7:50-10:30
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4:10-7:15-10:15 Wed 4:10-7:15-10:15 Thu 1-4:10-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:30
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sat 2:10-5:10-8-11 Sun-Thu 2:10-5:10-8-10:25
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sun-Tue 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Wed 12:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4:7:10-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
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COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

2012 (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:55-3:05-3:50-4:35-6:45-7:30-8:15-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sat 11:15-12:10-12:55-3:05-3:50-4:35-6:45-7:30-8:15-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 11:15-12:10-12:55-3:05-3:50-4:35-6:45-7:30-8:15-10:30-11 Mon-Tue 1:05-3:05-3:50-4:35-6:45-7:30-8:15-10:30-11 Wed-Thu 3:05-3:50-6:45-7:30-10:30-11
The Blind Side (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:05-4:10-7:15-10:20
The Box (14A) Fri 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:50-7:40-10:35 Mon-Tue 1:55-4:50-7:40-10:35
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 2:50-8 Wed-Thu 2:50-8:05
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Digital Fri 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Digital Sat-Sun 11:20-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:10-9:35
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50 Mon-Tue 2:40-5:25-8:10-10:50
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 12:35-2:55-5:10-7:35-10 Mon-Tue 2:55-5:10-7:35-10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:15-5:05-7:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:40
Ninja Assassin (18A) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2:05-2:55-4:45-5:30-7:20-8:15-10:10:50
Old Dogs (G) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1:05-2:20-3:30-4:35-5:45-6:55-8-9:15-10:35
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-5:40-10:55 Mon-Thu 5:40-10:55
Pirate Radio (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:25-3:40-6-8:25 Special Engagement Sat 11:05-1:25-3:40-6-8:25 Special Engagement Sun-Thu 1:3:20-5:35-7:55-10:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-1:15-2-3-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:15-7:7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15-11-11:45 Special Engagement Sat 11-11:45-12:30-1:15-2-3-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:15-7:7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15-11-11:45 Special Engagement Sun 11-11:45-12:30-1:15-2-3-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:15-7:7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15-10:45 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:15-2-3-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:15-7:7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15-10:45

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 4:30-6:25-8-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-2:10-4:30-6:25-8-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-6:25-8-10:05
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 4:05-7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:50-6:35-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 4:45-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 12-2:20-4:45-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-9:55
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:15-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:40-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:20-9:10 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:20-9:10
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-7:15-9:45
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:55-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-1:3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:30-7:10-10:10-40 No Passes Sat 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7:10:10-10:40 No Passes Sun 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7:10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-7:50-10:10
Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4:15-7:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:15-7:45 Mon-Thu 3:20-7
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:55-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:10-3:40-6:55-10:15 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:40-6:55-10:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:10-6:25-9:45
The Box (14A) Fri-Tue 9:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 3:10-9:15
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:50-9:45 Mon-Tue 3:55-6:50-9:45 Wed-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:35-6:20-9:15
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 3:50-6:35 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-6:35 Mon-Tue 3:50-6:35
Heer Ranjha (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 6:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:40
Kurbaan (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri 4:25-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-4:25-8:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 4:10-7:25-10:30 Sat 1:05-4:10-7:25-10:30 Sun 1:05-4:10-9:25 Mon-Tue 4:25-7:25-10:30 Wed-Thu 4:25-7:30-10:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:35-6:20-9:25 Sat 12:30-3:35-6:20-9:25 Sun 12:30-3:35-6:20 Mon-Tue 3:35-6:20-9:25
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:45-7:25-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:15-6:50-9:25
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:35 Sat 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:35 Sun 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:30 Mon-Tue 4:40-7:30-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:25
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 6:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-6:15 Mon-Tue 6:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:45-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:10-4:45-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Fri 3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri 4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40
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SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:10
The Box (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Tue 4:30-7:10-9:50
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 1-4:6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5:7:30-10
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:9:40
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:50-10:15
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-1:30-2:45-4:10-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-5:15-6:50-7:40-9:20-10:05

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:25-4:40-8
Astro Boy (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:30-3:50-6:50
The Blind Side (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:40
The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:40-4:45-7:30-10:15
The Box (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 7:20-10
Heer Ranjha (Punjabi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:45-5-8:30
Kurbaan (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 2-5:45-9:15
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:20-3:45-7-9:30
Pirate Radio (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:10-9:45 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:45
The Stepfather (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 9:20
Tum Mile (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

2012 (14A) Fri-Sat 9:20 Sun-Thu 7:40
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sat 10 Sun-Thu 7:50
The Box (14A) Fri-Sat 7:50 Sun-Thu 10:10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 7:30 Sun-Thu 9:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Sat 9:45 Sun-Thu 7:30
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Sat 7:40 Sun-Thu 10:30

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:30-7:10-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2-3:20-6:30-7:10-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8:10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:40-6:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Tue 6:45-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 5:10-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7:20-9:45 Mon-Tue 7:20-9:45
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:50
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-9:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-1:20-3:30-4-6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Tue 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15 No Passes Wed 6:40-7:9:50-10:15 No Passes Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15 No Passes Mon 9:50

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1:40-3:40-5:15-7:20-9-10-11 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:40-5:15-7:20-9-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-5:15-7:20-9 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-8
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:10-3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10:30 No Passes Mon 3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10:30 No Passes Tue 3:50-6:7-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15 Mon-Tue 4:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 1-

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Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:7:20-9:45 Mon-Tue 7:20-9:45
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:50 Sat-Sun 1:3:50
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-9:40
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-9:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Tue 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15 No Passes Wed 6:40-7:9:50-10:15 No Passes Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15 No Passes Mon 9:50

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1:40-3:40-5:15-7:20-9:10-11 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:40-5:15-7:20-9:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-5:15-7:20-9 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-4:20-8 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-8
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:10-3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10-10:40 No Passes Mon 3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10:30 No Passes Tue 3:50-6:7-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-4:20-7:7:30-10:10:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15 Mon-Tue 4:15
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:30
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 1:3:45-6:20-8:50 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:20-8:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Disney's A Christmas Carol: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:20-7:25-9:45
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:15-4:45-7:10-7:40-9:40-10:10
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-5-7:50-10:45 Mon-Thu 5-7:50-10:30
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:15-8:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:50-12:20-12:50-1:20-3-3:30-4:4:30-6:10-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:20-9:50-10:20-10:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:4:30-6:10-6:40-7:10-7:40-9:20-9:50-10:20
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:30 Mon-Tue 3:30-6:30
WWE: Survivor Series 2009 (STC) Sun 8

ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 3:20-5:30-7:10-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:20-5:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 4:15-6:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-6:45 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:50-8:45
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Tue 8:50
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 4-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 9 Mon-Tue 8:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 3:30-6-8:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:30-6-8:30 Mon-Tue 6:20-9:10 Wed-Thu 8:50
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:45-6:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:45-6:30 Mon-Tue 5:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:45-8:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 4:20-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:30
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-4:10-7:7:20-10:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-12:50-3:50-4:10-7:7:20-10:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:40-6-8:20-8:40

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:30-8:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2-4:10-6:30-8:10 No Passes Mon-Tue 6:30-7:50-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-10:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:40 No Passes Mon-Tue 7:25-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 5-7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:20-9:40 Mon-Tue 6:50-9:15 Wed-Thu 7-9:15
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:50-9:25
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 3:50-7:40-10:30 Sat-Sun 1:3:50-7:40-10:30 Mon-Tue 7:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 6:20-9
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 4:20-7:9:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:9:20 Mon-Tue 6:20-9
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-9:30 Sat 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:30 Mon-Tue 7-9:40
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 8-10:30
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:40-10:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 5:10-7:50-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:20 Mon-Tue 7:15-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:40
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:50-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:10

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30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

9 (PG) Fri 3:05-5:10-7:05-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:10-3:05-5:10-7:05-9:10 Mon 5:10-7:05-9:10 Tue 5:10-7:05 Wed 3:05-5:10-7:05-9:10 Thu 3:05-5:10-7:05
Amelia (PG) Fri 2:05-4:45-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:45-7:25-9:55 Mon-Tue 4:45-7:25-9:55 Wed-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:25-9:55
Astro Boy (PG) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:45-2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50 Mon-Tue 4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 2:45-4:15-5:15-6:45-7:40-9:15-9:50
The Box (14A) Fri 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05 Mon-Tue 4:55-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:30-10:05
Capitalism: A Love Story (PG) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 4:45-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
De Dana Dan (STC) Wed-Thu 3:15-6:20-9:25
District 9 (14A) Fri 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:25 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:40-4:15-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:25
Fame (PG) Fri 1:55-4:20-6:50-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:20-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:50-9:10
The Final Destination (STC) Digital Fri 2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05 Digital Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05 Digital Mon-Tue 4:30-6:45-9:05 Digital Wed-Thu 2:15-4:30-6:45-9:05
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:11:55-1:30-2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Mon 4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Tue 4:5-6:30-7:30-10 Wed 2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-9:10 Thu 2:30-4:5-6:30-7:30-10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri 3-6:05-8:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-3-6:05-8:50 Mon 3:30-6:05-8:50 Tue 3:30-6:05 Wed 3-6:05-8:50 Thu 3-6:05
The Hangover (14A) Fri 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50 Mon-Tue 5:05-7:35-9:50 Wed-Thu 2:25-5:05-7:35-9:50
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri 2:40-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:40-6-9:15 Mon-Tue 6-9:15 Wed-Thu 2:40-6-9:15
The Informant! (14A) Fri 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Tue 5:10-7:40-10:05 Wed-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05
Inglourious Basterds (14A) Fri 2:50-6-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:50-6-9:20 Mon 6-9:20 Tue 6 Wed 2:50-6-9:20 Thu 2:50-6
The Invention of Lying (PG) Fri 2:30-5:7:35-10 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-5:7:35-10 Mon-Tue 5:7:35-10 Wed-Thu 2:30-5:7:35-10
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:3:45-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:40
Love Happens (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-7:9:30 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:10-7:9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:9:30 Tue 4:25-7:05-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 1:30-2-2:30-4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-12-1:30-2-2:30-4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10 Mon-Tue 4-4:30-5-6:30-7-7:30-9-9:30-10 Wed-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
Ninja Assassin (18A) Wed-Thu 2:15-2:45-4:15-4:45-5:15-6:45-7:15-7:45-9:15-9:45-10:05
A Perfect Getaway (14A) Fri 2:40-5:05-7:25-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:05-7:25-10:05 Mon-Tue 5:05-7:25-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri 1:25-4:10-7:9:45 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-4:10-7:9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:9:45
The Proposal (PG) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:40 Mon 4:25-7:05-9:40
The Sacrifice (STC) Fri 2:40-6:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:40-6:05-9:20 Mon-Tue 6:05-9:20 Wed-Thu 2:40-6:05-9:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:35-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:35-9:55 Mon-Tue 4:50-7:35-9:55 Wed-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:35-9:55
Up (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35 Mon-Tue 4:40-7:10-9:35 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35
Zombieland (14A) Fri 2:35-4:55-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 4:55-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 2:35-4:55-7:15-9:45

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1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

2012 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:30-8
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon 4:10-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:05-9:05
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Wed-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:15-9:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-3:50-6:45-9:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:15-9:15
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:30

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:30-7:10-10:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:45-2-3:20-6:30-7:10-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:20-6:30-7:10-10:40
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 3:35-6:45-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:35-6:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-10:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 3:25-6:20-9:25 Sat 12:35-6:20-9:25 Sun 12:35-3:25-6:20 Mon-Tue 3:25-6:20-9:25
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:30-7:40
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri 5:10-7:35-10:25 Sat-Sun 2:10-5:10-7:35-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:35-10:25
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat 6:40-9:50 Sun-Tue 7:20-10:10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 3:55 Sat 3:50 Sun 12:45-3:50 Mon-Tue 3:50
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-7:20-10:10
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:25-7:15-9:40
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 4:45-7:50-10:15 Sat 1:50-4:45-7:50-10:15 Sun 1:50-4:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:50-10:15
Pirate Radio (14A) Sat-Sun 12:10-3:40-6:55-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-10:05
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 3:40-5:30-6:55-8:10-10:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:40-5:30-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 5:30-8-10:35
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sat 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:20-1:20-3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:30-4:30-6:40-7:40-9:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri 4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:10-10:20
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SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-2-4:20-6:30-8:10-10:05-10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 4:20-6:20-8-10:05-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 4:20-6:10-8-9:40-10:10
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
Astro Boy (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:10 Mon-Tue 3:35-6:10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:40 Sat 12:35-3:40-6:45 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:45-9:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:3:50-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:20
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:35
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 9
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:25
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sat 2:20-4:40-7:50-10:25 Sun 2:20-4:40-10:25 Mon-Tue 3:45-6:55-9:35
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:30-7:35-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:40
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GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-2-4:20-6:30-8-10 No Passes Mon-Tue 6:30-8-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:35
Law Abiding Citizen (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 9
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:25 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-10:15
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-9:45
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 7:15-9:45
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-9:40 Mon-Tue 7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:30-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri 7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20

SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-2-4:10-6:30-8:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-8:10
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:20 Mon-Tue 7:25-10:20
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6:30-9
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Tue 7:10
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:25-10:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-10:20
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:35-10:05
Pirate Radio (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:20
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20
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SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wycroft Road, 905 827-7173

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:10-6:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:40-8:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 8:30 No Passes Thu 10:30 No Passes Fri 2-6:30-9:50 No Passes Sat 6:30-9:50 No Passes Sun 2-6:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 6:30-9:50
Aida (Verdi) Metropolitan Opera - Encore Performance (STC) Sat 1 Sat 1
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:55-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:55-9:55 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
The Men Who Stare at Goats (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Sat 7:15-10 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Tue 7:15-10
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:30-10:20
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:15-9:35
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-10:20

WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr., Oakville, 905-829-2009

2012 (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 10-11:15-12-12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7:05-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10-11:15-12-12:45-1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7:05-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:30-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-6:15-7:05-7:45-8:30-9:45-10:30
Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani (PG) Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20 Sub-Titled Mon-Tue 3:40-7:10-10:20
Amelia (PG) Fri-Sun 12:2:30-5:05-7:35-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:15-7:20
The Blind Side (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:10-1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:7:45-9:55-10:40 Special Engagement Mon-Tue 1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:7:45-9:55-10:40 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1:20-2:05-4:10-4:55-7:05-7:40-9:55-10:40
Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-7:25 Mon-Tue 2:20-7:25
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (STC) Fri-Sun 10:15-12:35-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:05-7:20-9:35
De Dana Dan (STC) Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 1:35-4:35-7:35-10:35
An Education (PG) Fri-Sun 11:20-1:45-4:10-7:05-9:30 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:10-7:05-9:30
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2:30-4:50-7:10-9:30
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:25-9:50
I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell (18A) Fri-Tue 4:55-10
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri-Sun 11:1:50-4:30-7:15-9:55 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:30-7:15-9:55 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55
Old Dogs (G) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 1:30-2:15-3:45-4:30-5:15-5:55-7:7:45-8:30-9:15-10:10:45
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri-Sun 12:05-2:25-5:7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:25-5:7:30-9:45
Pirate Radio (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:15-2:4:45-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:4:45-7:30-10:15
The Sacrifice (STC) Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 10:45-2:15-5:45-9:15 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 2:15-5:45-9:15
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:20-1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:50 Special Engagement Fri-Sat 9:40-11:11:40-12:10-12:40-2:10-2:50-3:20-3:50-5:10-5:50-6:20-7:8:20-9-9:30-10:10-11:20-12:10 Special Engagement Sun 9:40-11:11:40-12:10-12:40-2:10-2:50-3:20-3:50-5:10-5:50-6:20-7:8:20-9-9:30-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-2:50-3:20-3:50-5:10-5:50-6:20-7:8:20-9-9:30-10:10
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:10-9:40 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:40
Zombieland (14A) Fri-Sun 10:30-12:40-3:5:25-7:40-10 Mon-Tue 4:50-10

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AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

2012 (14A) No Passes Fri 6:20-8-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-2-4:20-6:20-8-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:20-8-10
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri 6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG) Fri 7-10:05 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7-10:05 Mon-Thu 7-10:05
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-9:55
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:55-9:25
Paranormal Activity (14A) Fri 7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:20-7:05-9:45 Mon-Tue 7:05-9:45
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 7:15-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:35-4:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-7:10-9:50-10:20

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2012 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:55-2:3:25-6:25-7:10-10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 5-6-8:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 5-8:25
The Blind Side (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:40-8:40
Disney's A Christmas Carol (STC) Fri-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:45-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:45
The Fourth Kind (14A) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:30 Mon-Tue 5:50-8:45
Ninja Assassin (18A) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:50-8:45
Old Dogs (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:45-8:15
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-1:3:30-4:10-6:40-7:15-9:50-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-5:30-8:10-8:30

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Music

From Judas Priest to Christmas carols

'Devil be damned,' Rob Halford tries his hand at rock of another variety

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

There will be no satanic verses in Rob Halford's renditions of We Three Kings and Come All Ye Faithful on his Dubbed Winter Songs.

Unmistakable with his scorching voice, leather outfits and many tattoos, Rob Halford is known best as the front man for loud music veterans Judas Priest.

Get ready for a shock though. You're about to see this heavy metal hero in a very different light: Christmas caroller.

Yes, the Metal God — a long-standing nickname bestowed upon Halford for his iconic vocal styling and indelible impact on the world of hard and heavy music over the past 30-plus years — has just released a tertiary full-length with his eponymous backing band and it's a holiday album.

Consider it his festive gift to headbangers the world 'round.

"I love Christmas time," admits the 58-year-old with a soft-tone that belies his reverence as one of metal's most brazen/dynamic voices.

"I think most of us do. It's a special time. We enjoy being with family and friends, exchanging gifts, drinking and eating food. It's a beautiful time that we have together."

Dubbed Winter Songs (Metal God Records), the 10-track affair is a commingling of holiday standards such as We Three Kings and Come All Ye Faithful with original compositions (Get Into The Spirit, Christmas Is For Everyone) delivered as one would expect: via blazing guitars, pounding, hyperactive drums and mind-melting solos.

And while it may seem to come from out of the blue, Winter Songs is an idea Halford has been toying with for years.

"I'm very happy to have been able to fulfill something I've wanted to do for as long as I can remember. It's always been in the back of my mind: wouldn't it be great if we had a bit more music to listen to and music in the style I'm associated with. Yet I waited (to do it) for multiple reasons. Is this a daring thing to do? Is it the right thing to do? How is it gonna sound? What's the journey gonna be like to make this happen? I think a lot of things through in many ways and considered all of the possibilities but when I come to a conclusion, I can be very stubborn. I'll do it, devil be damned."

Halford said he wanted to do Winter Songs for his fans.

Yes, Winter Songs would surprise even Beelzebub himself but it's no slouch. Since its Nov. 3 release date, initial shock has worn off and it is being duly heaped with accolades for sincerity, depth and unyielding metal, subject matter notwithstanding. It rocks relentlessly; is a fun but tough dose of metallic cheer.

"That's a great way to describe it," the obstinate Brit commends before alluding to a possible sequel. "It's a concise way to describe what I was hoping to achieve with this.

The initial response has been encouraging. (Fans have) said, 'Thank God we've got something for this time of year to listen to in our own style ... that we enjoy.' I had so much fun making this record, I could even go for another batch."

EMI shuts down two music sites

LAWSUIT Two Web sites that sold songs by The Beatles for 25 cents apiece should remain shut down indefinitely, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge John F. Walter issued a preliminary injunction against BlueBeat.com and Basebeat.com at the request of music company EMI Group. The injunction prohibits the sites and their owner, Hank Risan, from streaming or selling songs by the Fab Four and other popular artists, including Lily Allen and Coldplay.

A hearing in the case had been scheduled for Friday, but Walter decided the issue based on pleadings by attorneys for Risan and the music label. A phone message left Wednesday evening for Risan's attorney was not immediately returned. EMI Group sued Risan and the sites earlier this month to stop the sites from streaming or selling its music.

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Filings

- Risan argued in court filings that he had re-recorded the music and inserted artistic touches based on a technique he pioneered called "psycho-acoustic simulation."
- Attorneys for the music label called the filing "technobabble"

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Amazon.ca's Top albums
1. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 2. The Fall, Norah Jones; 3. Crazy Love, Michael Buble; 4. My Christmas, Andrea Bocelli; 5. Things We Left Behind, Blue Rodeo. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Hedley preaches on worshiping false Idols

New album, The Show Must Go On, takes shots at reality TV, pokes fun at Hoggard's past

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

In Hedley's early days, lead singer Jacob Hoggard spent a lot of energy trying to make people forget that he ever appeared on Canadian Idol.

"There was a period where we worked as hard as we could to separate ourselves from the show," he says.

So it's a bit surprising that he'd revisit his Idol past on his new album, The Show Must Go On.

The track, Cha-Ching, pokes fun of all the major reality TV shows, from Survivor to the Biggest Loser.

But he saves some of the better barbs for himself — "Line up all the idols, who paint on phony smiles, tryin' to ride the fast track for free," he sings.

In the video he dresses up in a blue spandex outfit — it's a similar getup to what he wore during an Idol episode — and sings in front of three judges.

"It was time to bring it up and remind everyone of how lightly we take this," says Hoggard, explaining why he chose to make fun of the very thing that made him famous.

Jacob Hoggard says now is the perfect time to address his time on American Idol.

"This isn't some weird topic you shouldn't bring up to us."

Hoggard adds that now was the perfect time to sing about his reality TV days.

For one, the genre is far more outlandish than when he was vying for his 15 minutes, and after two albums that have gone platinum, the singer's not defined by Idol anymore, even though it remains a piece of their identity.

"We could get away with it because it's still a part of who we are," he says. "Plus, it's a commentary on how far people are willing to go in 2009."

"We could get away with it because it's still a part of who we are. Plus, it's a commentary on how far people are willing to go in 2009." Jacob Hoggard

The band has come a long way since Hoggard was on TV, but Hedley's new disc takes the band in a completely new direction.

For the most part, the band trades their power punk edge for sunnier mid-tempo pop.

Cha-Ching could be a track off a Smash Mouth album; Hands Up sounds a lot like an Aerosmith tune.

Hedley's new album is in stores now

There are more introspective moments — Sweater Song (not a Weezer cover) is a soft and touching finger-picked number.

It's the best and most interesting track here.

"It's different and has a very unconventional pop song structure," says Hoggard about the tune.

The new sound is makes the singer a littler nervous, though he's always apprehensive around release dates.

"After you put so much time into something like there, there's so much stress," he says.

"But you have to hope for the best and know you did your due diligence and made the best record you could."

It's likely the disc will do well, so he doesn't have to worry about falling back on a reality television career. But if he had to choose one show to be on it might be his favourite program: Wife Swap.

"The British version," he clarifies. "They get to smoke all the time."

November Service Changes

York University busway opens November 20, 2009

196 YORK UNIVERSITY ROCKET - route changed to use the York University busway, providing a more reliable service, as buses will no longer be delayed by traffic congestion.

Route changes effective November 22, 2009

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105 DUFFERIN NORTH - buses will use the new bus entrance/exit at Downsview Station and the bus lanes on Allen Road and Dufferin Street.

117 ALNESS - buses will use the new bus entrance/exit at Downsview Station, the bus lanes on Allen Road and Dufferin Street, and the busway from Dufferin Street to Alness Street.

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Crooked as they come

Them Crooked Vultures' anticipated first album lands

SoundCheck

The world HQ for Them Crooked Vultures hides in plain sight: an anonymous building on an ordinary street in Burbank.

It's only after you step inside that you realize that it's as fortified as a North Korean bunker. That Bob Hope Airport is a short walk away is a good thing, given the private jet requirements of the band.

This is Pink Duck Studios, Josh Homme's playground, a studio where Queens of the Stone Age and Eagles of Death Metal albums take shape and also where he worked on the material he produced for the Arctic Monkeys' Humbug album. The main room of the studio also serves as TCV's rehearsal space.

The amount of gear is staggering. I have a half-hour audience with all three members before band practice. Josh takes his seat in the main control room chair. Dave Grohl flops face down into some pillows on the sectional next to me. Meanwhile, John Paul Jones — the quiet one in Led Zeppelin — is true to form, content to let his bandmates do all the kibitzing as he eases into the chair he's brought from another room. He sets himself up between the two. "This is my spot," he says.

Although the idea of TCV first surfaced years ago, it only became reality this past January when JPJ suddenly found himself with some free time.

"I'd spent quite a few months rehearsing with Jimmy (Page) and Jason (Bonham) trying to form a new band that wasn't going to be called Led Zeppelin," says JPJ, "and it was just coming to an end when Dave mentioned this idea."

"It just sort of fell together," says Homme.

"This is the kind of thing that if you don't grab it by the neck and run with it, it'll just turn to vapour."

Dave chimes in. "I wanted to be musical and be home at the same time. The last thing I wanted to do was start another band and go back out on the road. I thought we could just play in the studio and make something good. I honestly didn't imagine we'd be doing this."

But now that they've started something, now what? How far can they take this? Dave props himself up against some pillows on the sectional. A big grin spreads across his face. "As far as it will go."

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D2010 Emmys to be held a month earlier

NBC announced it will broadcast the 62nd annual Primetime Emmy Awards in August 2010, instead of mid-September, as it usually does, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts with Sunday Night Footballs. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Top dancer begins touring

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Since winning top honours on So You Think You Can Dance-Canada in October, Tara-Jean Popowich has been on quite a wild ride. Though not in her own car.

"I've been so busy. My new car is still just sitting in my drive way at home, teasing me," says Popowich, who won the car and $100,000, along with the title of SYTYCD-Canada's top dancer. "But it's good. I'm having fun. So don't wake me up or it'll all be gone. I'm doing what I love."

For the Lethbridge, Alberta-native, doing what she loves includes an 18-city, SYTYCD cross-country tour. Kicking off in Kelowna, B.C. on Wednesday, the production will feature the top ten finalists from the second season. "It's going to feature all the season faves, plus some new choreography. It's very exciting and entertaining."

"I'm having fun ... I want to continue to teach dance and perform. You know, dance as long as I can. Dance 'til the body finally falls apart."
Tara-Jean Popowich

Popowich, 20, admits there's one stop she's particularly excited about: the one in her hometown on Nov. 29. "And it's the day after my birthday," she says. "I've got about a thousand requests for tickets in the front row. [We're] going to have the whole town there."

Popowich has found spare time to put a dent in that prize money. She paid off her mother's mortgage, helped out on her brother's tuition, and bought herself a computer. "I invested the rest of it, so it's a bit like I'm still living like I never won."

Popowich's longterm plans call for dancing and more dancing. "I want to continue to teach dance and perform. You know, dance as long as I can. Dance 'til the body finally falls apart." With auditions already starting for the third season of SYTYCD-Canada, Popowich has some straightforward advice for those seeking her crown. "Don't think of it as a competition. And stay confident. The judges will pick up on that."

• The SYTYCD-Canada tour stops in Toronto on Dec. 10.

So You Think You Can Dance Canada winner Tara-Jean Popowich.

Ricardo Bomba to appear on Simpsons next year

TELEVISION Ladies' man Ricardo Bomba is bringing his charms to The Simpsons, and it's all the doing of a hospital operations manager with a vivid imagination.

Peggy Black, 52, of Orange, Conn., won a contest to create a character for Fox's long-running animated series, with her entry triumphing among the more than 25,000 received.

"Rrrri-carrr-do Bomba. He's someone that all the women love and all the men want to be."
Peggy Black

"Rrrri-carrr-do Bomba. He's someone that all the women love and all the men want to be," Black said. Bomba will be introduced in the Jan. 31 episode, featuring guest star Chris Martin of Coldplay. The episode had been mostly completed, with a spot reserved for the contest character.

In Million Dollar Maybe — an episode that centres on a winning lottery ticket — Homer Simpson is rushing to meet Marge for a date when he encounters Bomba. It's possible Bomba could appear again, said executive producer Al Jean, who helped judge the contest. He described the contest, part of the show's 20th anniversary celebrations, as a thank-you to loyal fans.

Bomba, a handsome, smooth-talking South American nicknamed "La Bomba," works at the town's nuclear power plant by day and "by night, works Springfield's singles scene," as Fox describes him.

Black won the grand prize of a trip to Los Angeles to work with the show's producers and watch Bomba brought to life. "I'm going to be immortalized forever by making a Simpsons' character," she said.

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Director offers rare view inside publicity machine

HOLLYWOOD The publicity for a Hollywood movie is a machine to behold, especially from the inside.

It's a view rarely offered, but Jason Reitman, the director of Juno and Thank You for Smoking, has done just that, documenting the process of promoting his new film, Up in the Air, starring George Clooney, over the past two months.

Taking photos of the journalists who interviewed him, the hotel drink carts that have surrounded him, and the Starbucks cups littered about him, Reitman, 32, also recorded the most frequent questions he's been asked, and organized the data in a pie chart. The biggest chunk: "What's it like working with George Clooney?" Reitman, 32, noticed some trends in the interviews. In Chicago, more people asked him about his father, Ivan Reitman, the famous comedy director (Ghostbusters, Stripes).

Among his tallies: 119 questions on Clooney, 79 about his father, 69 of "What's next?" Reitman plans to turn his material into a short documentary.

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Sarah Palin interview draws high ratings for Oprah

Sarah Palin's appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show Monday earned an 8.7 household rating and a 13 share, the talk show queen's highest ratings since interviewing the Osmonds in 2007, according to The Hollywood Reporter. TVGUIDE.COM

New series shines spotlight on Steeltown

IAN JOHNSTON
For Metro Canada

It doesn't happen too often, but Hamilton actually gets to play itself in the new Showcase series Cra$h & Burn.

"It's rather unapologetically Hamilton," says actress Caroline Cave, who plays company lawyer Catherine Scott in the ensemble show about the ruthless insurance game. "It really gives Hamilton a personality, which it always had, but maybe it doesn't get a chance to show all the time."

The series, created by Malcolm MacRury (ZOS: Zone of Separation), and starring Luke Kirby, has a lot of unique aspects beyond its backdrop.

First, it's a show about the world of insurance, which immediately raises the question: Who wants to watch that? Most folks probably want to avoid the topic of insurance altogether.

But, as portrayed in Cra$h & Burn, a day in the life of insurance adjuster Jimmy Burn (Kirby) can get pretty exciting. It involves not only shifty clients, but also crooked lawyers and the Russian mob. Back at the office, there's also a tote board that kee;s a running score on who's been fired — and who's about to be. Add some sex and comedy, and it's quite a dramatic stew.

Caroline Cave plays insurance company lawyer Catherine Scott in new series Cra$h & Burn, set in Hamilton , Ont.

"It's not really a comedy or a drama," says Cave. "She's very unapologetic about her sexuality and how she lives and works," says Cave. "But she's a Bay Street lawyer working in Hamilton, so there's also a sense she wants to be somewhere else."

Filming since July, Cave is looking forward to wrapping in December. She's got a wedding scheduled for New Year's Eve. And no, she's not marrying an insurance adjuster. "I'm marrying an accountant!"

• Cra$h & Burn airs Wednesdays on Showcase.

FRIDAY 11/20/09

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	210	302	6 CBC	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Toronto Maple Leafs. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Blackhawks at Oilers		
	214	344	7 CITY	My RONA Home		Glenn Martin	Out There	*Snakehead Terror* ★★ (2004, Horror) (DVS)				News
	212	313	8 CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		The Mentalist (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*The Kid & I* ★★ (2005, Comedy) Tom Arnold.				*48 HRS.* ★★★ (1982, Action) Nick Nolte, Eddie Murphy.				News at 11
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Mentalist (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	Mercy (HDTV)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	386	18 ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football Regional Coverage. (HDTV) Kansas at Texas or Oregon at Arizona. (Live)						
	219	346	20 ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Double Frame* (2001, Suspense) Daniel Baldwin.				Whistler (DVS)		A News
	-	-	28 FOX	*Almost*	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61 PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Sherlock Holmes		Poirot		Contemp
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family	551	542	25 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Sorry	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45 TEL	*Ben 10: Race Against Time* (2007)			Ben 10: Alien	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel (N)
	556	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	*Oh, God!* ★★★ (1977, Comedy)		(10:38) *Gremlins*		
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	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		*Summer House* (2008, Suspense) Lindsay Price.				*The Brave One* (2007, Suspense)		
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	581	566	52 MTV	OverBolts	OverBolts	Peak Season	Peak Season	Peak Season	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	603	561	56 FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	Challenge		Chopped		Top Chef: Las Vegas		The F Word
	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) *The Tale of Despereaux* (2008, Adventure)				*Frost/Nixon* ★★★ (2008, Historical Drama)				*Haunting*

SUNDAY 11/22/09

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primetime	265	353	2 TVO	e2	e2	Adopt Me Please (N)		*Housewife 49* (2006, Drama)			The View From Here	
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	215	343	4 OMN1	OverBolts	Business	Jani		A Man for All Canadians		Metropia	Metropia	Vamos
	210	302	6 CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Figure Skating		The Nature of Things		CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
	214	344	7 CITY	Survivorman	Glenn Martin	Mercy (HDTV)		My RONA Home		Conviction Kitchen (HDTV)		News
	212	313	8 CTV	Degrassi	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 15		The Mentalist		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		CTV News
	218	345	11 CHCH	*A Cinderella Story* ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				*Zoolander* ★★ (2001, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Will Ferrell.				News at 11
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		Three Rivers (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17 NBC	Football Night in America		(8:15) NFL Football Philadelphia Eagles at Chicago Bears. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18 ABC	NASCAR	Home Videos	2009 American Music Awards (HDTV) (Live)						News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Next Top Model		2009 American Music Awards (HDTV) (Live)						A News
	-	-	28 FOX	Brothers (N)	Simpsons	Simpsons	Cleveland Sh	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
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by Enza Anderson

Enza brings Metro readers the weekly scoop on Toronto's hottest parties and events.

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THE SILICONE DIARIES: Buddies artist director Brendan Healy and associate producer Erika Hennebury.

FOWL DINNER: CLGA secretary Robert Windrum.

STETSONS AND JEANS were the dress of the night as the Canadian Lesbian & Gay Archives marked its third annual Fowl Dinner fundraiser at St. Lawrence Hall. Meanwhile, opening night was the theme as the Silicone Diaries premiered at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. It all ended with a morning pancake wake-up call as BMO Bank of Montreal served up their fundraising drive for the United Way at First Canadian Place.

THE SILICONE DIARIES, RIGHT: Performer and creator Nina Arsenault.

FOWL DINNER: CLGA guests Stan Manulenko, left, and Elio Iannacci.

BMO UNITED WAY BREAKFAST: Chef Jamie Kennedy.

BMO UNITED WAY BREAKFAST: From left, Gilles Ouellette, president and chief executive officer of BMO Financial Group's Private Client Group, Kevin O'Leary, co-host of The Lang and O'Leary Exchange, and Bill Downe, BMO CEO.

THE SILICONE DIARIES: Opening night guests Shawn Hitchins, left, and Cole J. Alvis.

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Entertainment

A powerful voice in the AIDS fight

Eurythmics singer Annie Lennox lends her support to help infected African kids

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

No woman does short hair or electropop better than Annie Lennox.

The Scottish singer has been an icon since shooting to fame with the Eurythmics two decades ago. The "Greatest White Soul Singer Alive" won a 2004 Academy Award for best original song.

This year she released The Annie Lennox Collection. But these days, Lennox's heart belongs less to Billboard charts and more to dying children. She campaigns on behalf of African children infected with AIDS. She talked exclusively with Metro.

Children's Rights

Q After more than two decades of awareness campaigns, why are so many African children dying of AIDS?

A If you have money, then you can always get access to medical care and treatment. But if you are poor it's a very different story, especially as health care systems in most African countries are completely inefficient and understaffed. On top of that, many people still don't really understand how people get infected by HIV.

Q Whose fault is it?

A Apart from warfare and natural disasters such as floods or droughts, very often chronic poverty has been caused by the fact that in the 20th and 21st century, leaders, governments and economic systems have not served the people well. Up till now, there has not been the necessary will to create essential change, so that when people are born into poverty, they're stuck there.

Q What's your reaction when South African politicians suggest AIDS can be cured with traditional medicines?

A During Tabo Mbeki's rule as president of South Africa, his health minister, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, advocated that AIDS could be treated with vitamins, garlic, lemon juice, beetroot and olive oil. It's shocking to think that a person in such an important position could take a stand like this. Many African people often mistrust Western medicine, and in any case it's not available or affordable to them, so they go to traditional healers. I would like people to have the opportunity to access medicine if they need it. It should be a personal decision, but many millions of people don't even have that option.

Annie Lennox, pictured with children in Africa. The Eurythmics frontwoman is campaigning on behalf of those infected with AIDS.

Annie facts

- Name: Annie Lennox
- Age: 54
- Background: Member of the successful duo Eurythimcs; subsequent solo career has earned her a Golden Globe and an Academy Award
- Family: Two teenage daughters
- In the news: Passionate advocate on behalf of AIDS-infected children in Africa.
- Website: annielennox sing.com

Q How did AIDS among children become your biggest passion?

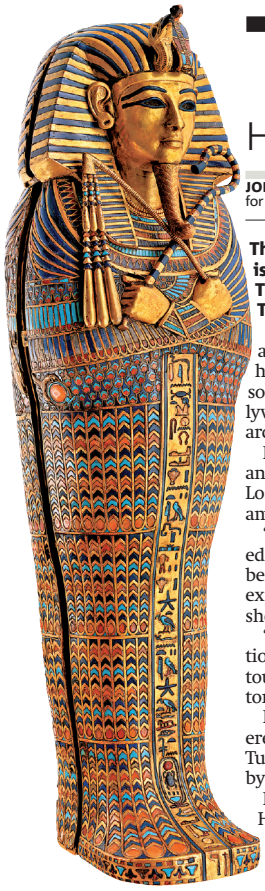
A I performed for the launch of Nelson Mandela's HIV/AIDS campaign in 2003, and afterward all the artists were invited to join him on Robben Island, where he had been imprisoned. Mandela described the HIV/AIDS pandemic as a "genocide" that was wiping out millions of lives, including women and children. That was the point when I sat up and really paid attention. Because we live in a celebrity-fixated culture, the deaths of millions of people through AIDS rarely hits the headlines. ...I felt that it is something I couldn't walk away from.

Q What can children in other countries do to help?

A I think the first step is to find out what HIV/AIDS is, how it's transmitted, and how it affects people's lives. That way you educate yourself and understand the difference between sharing a cup and sharing a needle!

Cruise in Salzburg for film

Tom Cruise has arrived in the Austrian city of Salzburg to shoot scenes for the new action comedy Knight&Day. the movie is directed by James Mangold and is due to be released next summer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Tut comes to Toronto

Harrison Ford voices AGO's new exhibit on the golden king

JOHN KEILLOR
for Metro Canada

The Art Gallery of Ontario is bringing the riches of Tutankhamen's tomb to Toronto.

This being the greatest archeological discovery in history, the exhibition also features the voice of Hollywood's most famous archeologist, Harrison Ford.

Ford, who starred as Indiana Jones in Raiders of the Lost Arc, turns out to be an amateur Egyptologist.

"Mr. Ford is very interested in Ancient Egypt and has been to Egypt many times," explains Mark Lach, the show's organizer,

"He narrates the exhibition's film and the audio tour. He's a superb voice actor."

Like Jones, who discovered the site of covenant, Tut's tomb was discovered by a dashing archeologist.

In 1922, Englishman Howard Carter found the only untouched resting place of a pharaoh, ever. The rest of them had been robbed over the course of centuries.

What Carter found is what's on display, and it's displayed so that viewers can see the original layout of the burial chamber.

So what we get to see are not only the gold riches of the tomb, but also a recreation of Carter's discovery.

The AGO's Tut exhibit opens this weekend for members only

"We've recreated the four rooms Carter found," says Lach, "which he named the Antechamber, the Annex, the Treasury and the Burial Room. Each room is its own gallery. There are 70 objects on display that were in the tomb.

"My favorite is Tut's game box. It's a beautifully ornate wooden box about the size of your hand, which Tut actually would have played with on the banks of the Nile."

That's a 3,500 year old X-Box!

Other items include the sandals Tut's mummy wore. The mummy itself has never left its final resting place in Egypt's The Valley of the Kings, but a gold coffinette containing his organs is on display. Mummies need their organs removed or they rot.

Apart from Tut's own personal stuff, this exhibition also includes an additional 60 objects from the temples of other kings and queens of Egypt, to show more of what daily life was like and the belief systems in effect.

Apart from the big statues, there are more and more examples of top-notch ancient craftsmanship in all the religious and art items inside.

"The skill that went into some of these artworks and religious items is amazing," concludes Lach. "It helps you understand what Carter experienced when he looked inside the tomb for the first time. He was asked what he saw, and he replied, "I see wonderful things."

The AGO's King Tut: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs exhibit runs Tuesday through April 18. Ticket range from $16.50 on weekdays to $32.50 on weekends (adult) For more information visit ago.net.

SAN ORO VAN NINI PHOTOS

Artifacts from the Art Gallery of Ontario's upcoming King Tut exhibit. Right: Colossal Statue of Tutankhamun, Usurped by Horemheb. It is made of quartzite and measures 285 cm tall. Far left: Canopic Coffinette (from Tut's tomb). Made of gold, carnelian, and colored glass, measuring 39 cm tall.

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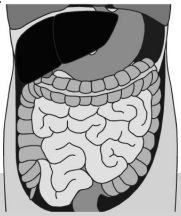

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Mix of Six

Rural Alberta Advantage

When: Friday, 10 p.m.
Where: Lee's Palace, 529 Bloor St. W.

The indie trio's first full-length album, Hometowns, may have only been given a wide release this summer, but their following is growing.

Now that their crooned harmonies and upbeat tunes are back home and still kicking after months of touring North America, and with upcoming gigs including Vancouver's Cultural Olympiad, catch them while their shows are stillaffordable. $15.

You Say Party! We Say Die!

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Phoenix, 410 Sherbourne St.

While the warm and fuzzies seem to drift through YSP!WSD!'s latest release, these Vancouver do-gooders have struck the perfect balance.

On XXXX (that's code for love), sentimental lyrics are answered by their dark, dance-punk sound, beat by sinister beat. With Think About Life, Little Girls. $12.

Pretty Pictures

When: Friday
Where: Magic Pony, 694 Queen St. W.

Drawn and Quarterly launches two new books at Magic Pony this week: internationally renowned Marc Bell's Hot Potatoe, and Amy Lockhart's Dirty Dishes. A feast for the imagination. Free. 416-861-1684. www.magic-pony.com.

Steps Forward

When: Nov. 18-21, 8 p.m.
Where: Fleck Dance Theatre, 207 Queen's Quay W.

Explore the immigrant experience through HCA Dance Theatre Company's collaborative production about diasporas.

The talented cast and crew — immigrants themselves —combine contemporary dance, visual art, film and music to tackle questions of memory, identity and separation. $35; student/seniors $30. 416-973-4000. www.harbourfrontcentre.com.

Bite Your Tongue 2

When: Saturday 9 p.m.
Where: Centre of Gravity, 1300 Gerrard St. E.

The promoters of BYT 2 have a rep for creative bookings: they're the guys behind Extermination Music Night.

Even without the risk of getting busted, seeing acts from Lucky Dragons to Corpusse, Toronto's "punk rock Leonard Cohen" will still get your heart racing. $10.

Bonjay @ Gimme Gimme Release Party

When: Saturday
Where: Teranga, 159 Augusta Ave.

Birthed in Ottawa and now based here, Bonjay is the dancehall, soul, hip-hop and pop-loving duo of vocalist Alanna Stuart and DJ/producer Pho. $8.

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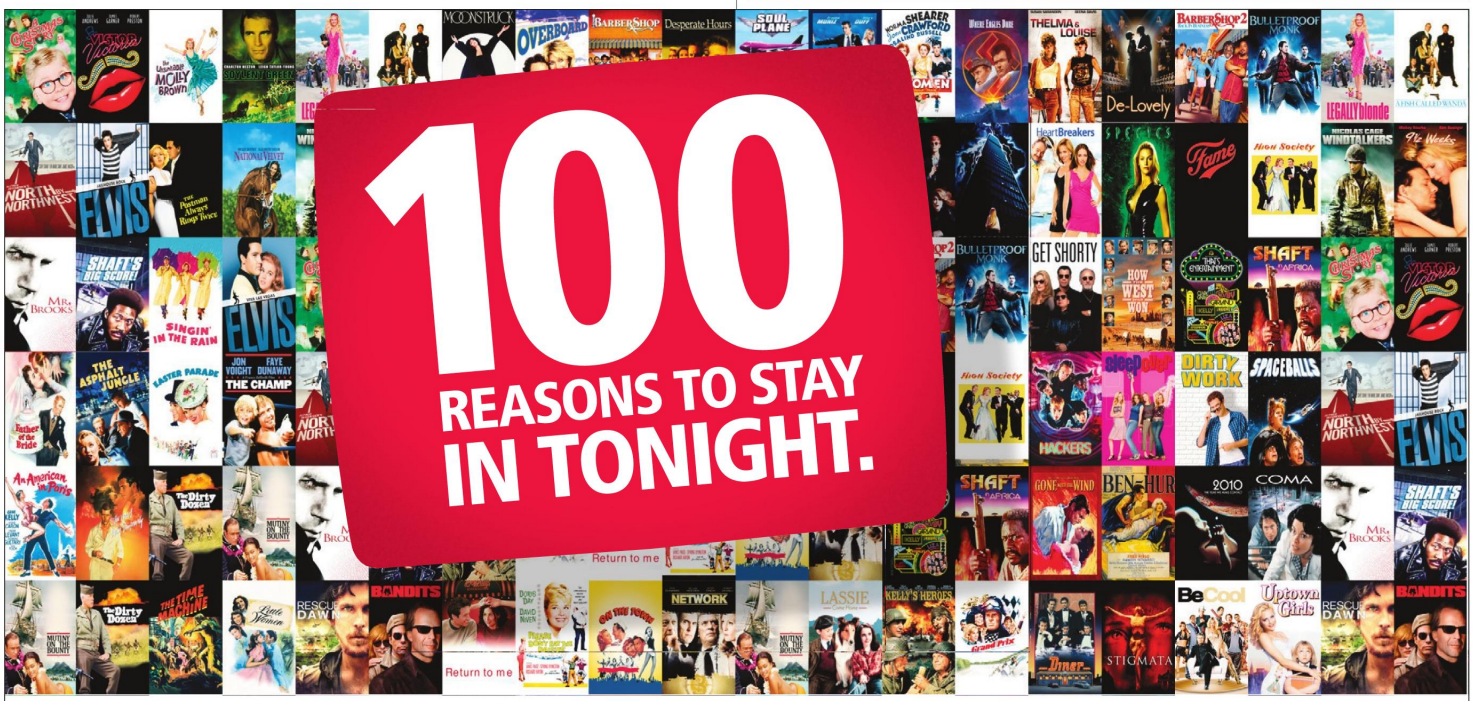

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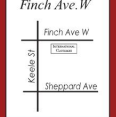

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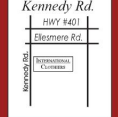

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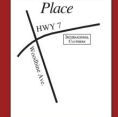

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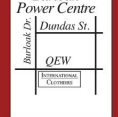

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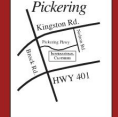

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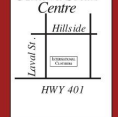

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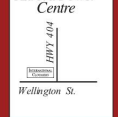

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Conrad to pen style tome

She's a successful TV star, fashion designer and fiction writer, but she hasn't written a book on style — until now. Lauren Conrad will unveil her top style tips in Lauren Conrad Style, to be published by Harper Collins in the fall of 2010. PEOPLE.COM

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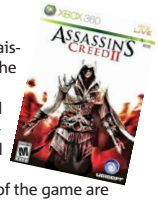
1 Assassin's Creed II



GAME Immerse yourself in Renaissance-era Italy for some art — the art of killing, that is. Montreal-based Ubisoft's latest title revolves around an Italian nobleman-turned-assassin seeking revenge for the death of his father and brothers. Plenty of violence and thrills follow, but one of the biggest attractions of the game are characters based on historical figures such as Leonardo da Vinci and Lorenzo di Medici.

2 New Moon

FILM For those (and there are millions of them if advance ticket sales are any indicators) who get dizzy at the sight of vampires and werewolves professing puppy love to one human hottie, opening day of the Twilight sequel is Christmas, New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day rolled into one. For the rest of us, there's still Halloween.

3 Sarah Palin

CELEBRITY On what planet does a vice-president wannabe become regular news fodder? Apparently on the one we live in. The former Alaska governor's latest headline-magnet is her memoir Going Rogue (released Tuesday), which has been sitting atop book charts for month. There are also reports of hundreds of fans lining up outside bookstores to meet Palin on her promotional tour across the U.S.

Correction

• Little Mosque on the Prairie actress Sheila McCarthy does a lot of work for Canadian Feed the Children. The name of another organization appeared in the Nov. 11 My Drive column.

4 Kindle

GADGET It's here. Finally. This week, Amazon.com announced that the popular e-book reader - which is lighter than the average paperback, less than a centimetre thick and has a 15-centimetre screen - is now available in Canada, about six weeks after it launched internationally in more than 100 other countries. However, the $300-plus price tag may keep it off of many Christmas wish lists.

5 Funny People

DVD The trouble with Judd Apatow's first box-office dud is that it's not very funny. That doesn't mean it's not good. Critics and moviegoers were probably turned off by the dearth of mirth but the Knocked Up director trades easy laughs for emotional depth in this two-and-a-half-hour dramedy.

6 Songs 'N Smiles Sillytown

TOY New moms, note this. This Fisher-Price toy has just been named the top battery-operated toy for 2010 by the Canadian Toy Testing Council. Aimed at babies aged six to 18 months, this multi-coloured plaything feature a whole smorgasbord of peek-and-pop action blocks and more than 16 songs and goofy sounds.

7 Jon and Kate Plus 8 series finale

TV The end is nigh. Come Monday, TLC will pull the plug on the show about the once-happy family that slowly imploded before our eyes. Reports say that the final episode will feature in-depth, but separate interviews from Jon and Kate Gosselin.

New tunes at no cost

Metro's top four picks for free online music portals

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Where paranoia of illegally downloading music meets apprehension to pay for it, getting stuck in the rut of consuming reliable tunes can restrict the discovery of new ones.

But a growing list of online portals that allow users to stumble upon artists akin to their own favourites allows you to try before you buy, free of cost and guilt.

Here are Metro's top four outlets to help start your transition from casual fan to cochlear connoisseur.

A growing list of online portals allows users to try before they buy — offering music fans the opportunity to download MP3s and podcasts and create profiles to track genres of music they enjoy.

Last.fm

last.fm

This UK-based music service invites users to add their favourite artists to a personal library and listen to track samples of songs they enjoy. From that collection, Last.fm compiles a list of similar artists. The more you listen, the more precise the recommendations, facilitated by downloadable iTunes and iPod add-ons, which will send Last.fm songs you play while offline.

Advanced features include Last.fm Radio, which streams like songs according to artist or genre and access to user profiles, where you can compare your musical compatibility with friends.

CBC Radio 3

radio3.cbc.ca

Canada's independent music scene far transcends the few tracks heard on commercial radio and CBC Radio 3 is the best resource to break into it. The site includes a variety of real-time radio shows, downloadable podcasts and live concert sessions, and customizable playlists with more than 9,000 artists sporting almost 50,000 songs to choose from.

While you listen, you can also liaise with fellow music fans and show hosts by commenting on daily blogs where the user community shares news and reviews on R3 regulars.

The Hype Machine

hypem.com

Discover the band before the bandwagon on The Hype Machine, which introduces soon-to-be hip tracks by scouring MP3 files contained on a number of music blogs. Staffers selectively decide which blogs are producing the most buzz, then aggregate their findings in one place, where you can listen via the built in streaming music player or by clicking on the link to the blog of origin. Sort by the latest and most popular discoveries or listen to The Hype Machine's streaming radio of the week's wonders.

Blip.fm

blip.fm

Where Twitter meets turntables, you'll find Blip.fm. The resource relies on user "DJs" to "blip" songs and music videos by searching for a particular track, and adding a personal message using less than 150 characters.

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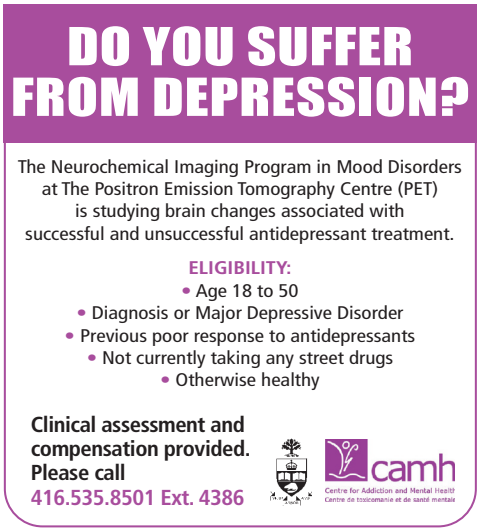
Blip.fm also allows you to search for DJs with your musical taste, simultaneously post blips to Twitter with links to streaming tracks and give "props" to DJs you'd like to generate respect for among the Blip.fm community.



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Marooned in paradise

A relaxing vacation in Honduras is still possible amid political unrest — with a few changes in plans

"The president's been arrested already this morning," hotel owner Jeff Kuken told a couple of travellers one Sunday morning in late June.

In spite of months spent planning a vacation across Honduras, Latin America's first military coup in decades was unfolding: Not exactly part of the plans, and definitely not included in guidebooks that painted Honduras as the Next Big Destination for affordable eco-tourism.

"The military flew him out of the country at gunpoint," said Kuken, a Boston native who owns Casa Calico on Roatan, a beautiful island known for its scuba diving and snorkeling.

The question then became whether it would be possible to have fun and relax in a beautiful country going through political chaos. The answer turned out to be a resounding yes — with some changes in plans and a bit of luck.

GLOWIMAGES

A view of West Bay Beach on Roatan, which is in the Bay Islands of Honduras. Roatan is a popular destination for snorkelling and scuba diving

The day of the coup, the destination was Gumbalimba Park, where visitors can ride a zipline from tree to tree down the side of a mountain and onto a picturesque beach. One can see iguanas that look like small alligators, and learn about cashew trees. At the park's bird and monkey sanctuary, visitors can carry the animals on their shoulders, and feed them with the help of the trainers.

Back at the room that afternoon, Congress defended the ouster of President Manuel Zelaya on state television and swore in the new president, Roberto Micheletti. Micheletti wasted no time imposing a 9 p.m. curfew that would last for the rest of the trip.

On Roatan, an island reachable by a 75-minute ferry ride from the mainland, there were few signs of unrest. The white sand beaches were largely empty. Pina coladas were on offer at beachside bars, and there were delicious local foods like shrimp coconut soup and fried plantains to be had. There was also fresh Honduran coffee.

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Accommodations: Casa Calico, casacalico.com, was about $55 per night and that includes the best breakfast and freshest coffee on the island. Casa Congrejal, casacangrejal.com, cost $90 a night and was well worth it.

Diversions: Pico Bonito National Park cost $7 per person to hike the waterfall. Guided tours through Omega Jungle Lodge, Guided eco-tours through Omega Jungle Lodge, tinyurl.com/yaon7g3, ranges from $50-$100 or more per person, depending on the tour. A day at Gumbalimba Park, including the zipline and monkey and bird sanctuary, cost about $40 apiece, gumbalimbapark.com.

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Sun, sand and a sudden coup

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Roatan boasts one of the world's largest barrier reefs, and snorkelling there means seeing all kinds of exotic fish. No need for a guided tour: the best snorkelling is very close to shore. One tip for travellers: it might be worth bringing your own mask and fins because the quality of rentals can be suspect. Roatan is a popular place for North Americans and Europeans to scuba dive.

With the U.S. Department of State advising against nonessential travel, it seemed best to cancel trips planned across the mainland.

(That advisory has since been softened; State now advises travellers to "exercise caution" but avoid the capital, Tegucigalpa. While the country's political crisis continues, with the presidential election set for Nov. 29, bus and airline services and daily life are largely back to normal.)

The plan was to visit the Mayan ruins and coffee plantations in Copan Ruinas in the western part of the country and beautiful Lago Yojoa in central Honduras, where one can stay at a bed-and-breakfast that is also the country's one and only microbrewery.

For now, Roatan visitors were stuck in paradise.

The options were to explore more of Roatan, water taxiing to shop from vendors on the beach at West Bay across the island. There was more snorkelling to be done, more fresh seafood to be eaten, and more of the country's Salvavida beer to be drunk.

There were also constant visits to be made to an Internet café to get the latest updates on the situation.

But after about six days, that was enough of Roatan. The best way out was to book a room at a bed and breakfast in the mountains near La Ceiba, a port city a short ferry ride away. With buses not running through the country and large protests in many places, it was one of the few cities that could be safely reached.

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A bridge takes hikers across the Crab River at Pico Bonito National Park near La Ceiba, Honduras. A popular hiking destination is a waterfall up the side of the mountain.

That B&B, Casa Cangrejal, fortunately provided the needed change of scenery. Nestled in the mountains that overlook the Crab River, Casa Cangrejal features natural swimming holes outside of the rooms, and soothing wake-up calls courtesy of cooing birds.

Visitors can walk down the road to Pico Bonito National Park, then hike to the top of a picturesque waterfall.

The hike was exhausting: more than four hours up and down the side of a steep mountain (not to mention across a rickety bridge over the river). Take lots of drinking water with you and enjoy the scenery, which includes stunning vegetation and bright blue butterflies.

Another option is to take a guided kayaking tour through Cacao Lagoon, near an old coffee plantation town. The lagoon includes a "monkey channel," where howler monkeys can startle visitors (and each other) with roars that sound like tigers.

Visitors can paddle to a deserted island in the Caribbean Sea and snack on fresh mango before kayaking back through the lagoon with a nice wind at their backs.

Somehow, the trip out of the country was equally as smooth: The major bus company, Hedman Alas, which had suspended service for days because of the unrest, started running again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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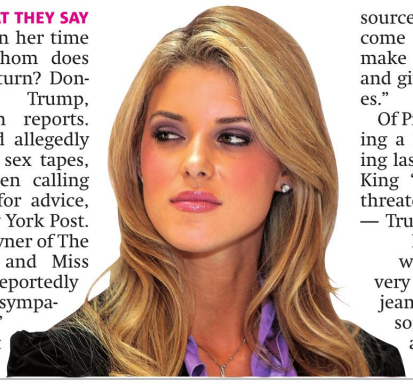
Dirty Dancing co-star still mourning Swayze
Jennifer Grey is still struggling with the death of Dirty Dancing co-star Patrick Swayze because she has only recently realised just how strong her feelings were for the actor/dancer, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Trump offers Prejean some free advice

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT KARMA In her time of crisis, to whom does Carrie Prejean turn? Donald Trump, usmagazine.com reports. De-crowned and allegedly tagged in eight sex tapes, Prejean has been calling up the mogul for advice, reports the New York Post.

Trump, the owner of The Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants reportedly isn't feeling too sympathetic. "Maybe," he told one Post source, "she should become a major porn star, make millions of dollars, and give it to worthy causes."



Of Prejean's conduct during a Larry King Live taping last week — she called King "inappropriate" and threatened to walk off set — Trump told Access Hollywood "I thought it was very strange and very sad, actually … (Prejean) is a person who sometimes behave inappropriately. It's a very sad situation."

Through her lawyer, Prejean has refused to comment on the growing sex tape controversy. Prejean previously said that the first sex tape to show up was "the biggest mistake of my life."

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Lohan pals beg for rehab return

BUT SHE SAID NO, NO, NO Pals of Lindsay Lohan have been begging her to check into rehab for a fourth time, but the Mean Girls star isn't listening, according to OK! Magazine.

"She's been on a downward spiral for months," a source tells the magazine. "We ask, we beg, but she won't listen." METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity tweets

John Mayer is easily confused Katy Perry indulges her sweet tooth, depsite the consequences, and Neil Patrick Harris just makes it look easy.

• @johncmayer Just met Robert Pattinson, his wife Cheryl and two children Emily and Jason. They live in Taos, NM. Sweet little family.

• @katyperry Okay, I just ordered the biggest ice cream sunday in history. WHY? Cause it's SUNDAY and it looks RIDICULOUS. my butt is getting big just looking at it.

• @ActuallyNPH Filming dance numbers is taxing!! When watching at home, you forget there were 1,420 thousand takes.

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Amy's leaky breasts?

MAKE THAT THREE LEAKY BOOBS Amy Winehoue has been hospitalized again, but this time it has nothing to do with drugs. The singer was reportedly admitted to a London hospital earlier this week due to possible complications from he recent breast augmentation surgery.

"She's fine, she just had a little leaky something or other," her dad, Mitch Winehouse, said during his Web show, pointing to his chest. Meanwhile, a source says that Amy "saw something oozing out of her top."

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Rihanna's walk on the Wilds side?

GO 'HEAD GIRL Rihanna may be dating again, as she was seen spending time with 90210 star Tristan Wilds at a party at her house in Los Angeles and then again at a club in London just two days later, according to Gatecrasher.

"No one knew why Tristan was there initially, because it was not an industry party. It was very intimate," a source says. "But everyone quickly realized they weren't meeting for the first time, because they were openly affectionate for everyone to see." And, the source adds, everyone seems to approve of the new man: "He's a real gentleman. She likes him a lot, and it shows. From the moment he walked into her party, Rihanna lit up."

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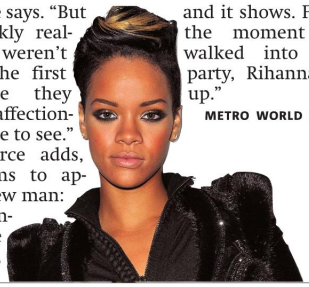

Beckham's tan 'all natural' she claims

PISH POSH Victoria Beckham insists she doesn't use fake tan, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer-turned designer — who is rarely seen without bronzed skin — says her colour is due to living in sunny Los Angeles.

She said: "I don't self-tan anymore; it's frustrating when people criticize my colour. It's the colour that I am! I wear sunblock, but I live in a hot climate."

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Hills star Patridge has '*Glee*ful' evening

YAWN. OH, SORRY. WHAT DID YOU SAY? The Hills are alive with the sound of Glee? At Thursday's Us Weekly Hot Hollywood party at L.A. hotspot Voyeur, Audrina Patridge only had eyes for a brand-new bad boy: Mark Salling, the mohawk-sporting hunk from FOX's new hit show Glee, the magazine reports. The Hills' Patridge, 24, and Salling, 27, were joined at the hip for their entire time at the shindig. Sitting at a shared table, the pair spent 45 minutes talking into one another's ear and laughing.

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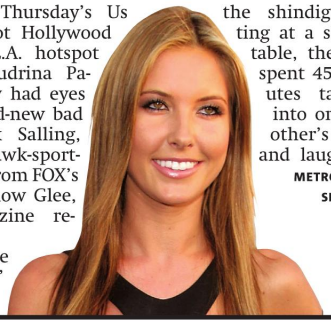

Pitt turned down $5M to trick-or-treat

FAMILY MAN Brad Pitt was a no-show at a public appearance in the United Arab Emirates on Oct. 31, declining the offer of a $5 million US appearance fee in order to spend the day trick-or-treating with Angelina Jolie and their six kids, sources say.

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Ferrell 'Most Overpaid': Forbes

NOT SO FUNNY Will Ferrell finds himself at the top of a new Forbes celebrity list, but it isn't exactly an honour. The magazine has named him the most overpaid star, determined by calculating how much studios make per dollar paid to Ferrell.

After the dismal performance of Land of the Lost, Ferrell's rate of return dropped to $3.29, putting him ahead of other questionable investments like Ewan McGregor, Billy Bob Thornton and Eddie Murphy. Meanwhile, Shia LaBeouf was named Best Actor for the Buck, earning studios $160 for every dollar spent on him.

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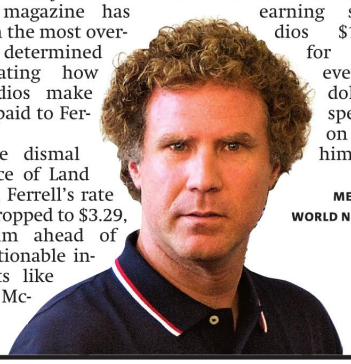

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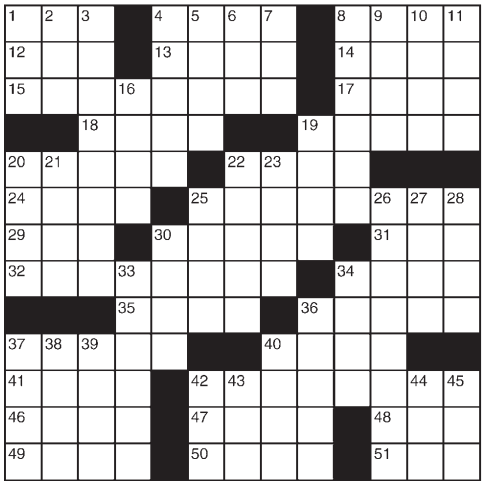

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		4					5	3
	5	9		3	6			
8			9					
3		7	2		8			
	4						2	
			3		7	8		6
					2			9
			7	8		1	3	
4	1					5		

ACROSS

1 Pouch
4 Burn somewhat
8 Leading man?
12 Id partner
13 Wild and crazy
14 Prom-goers' car
15 Chevy model
17 Deck in the ring
18 "The Amazing —"
19 Poolroom supply
20 Mrs. Archie Bunker
22 Brat's stocking stuffer
24 Disencumbers
25 Napoleon, by birth
29 Altar affirmative
30 Sudden voltage increase
31 Inseparable
32 Fabric with ribs
34 Scraps
35 Help a hood
36 Cocktail ingredients?
37 Pieces of eight?
40 Existed
41 Hide in the shadows
42 Worn away
46 Brutus' being
47 Vicinity
48 GIs' entertainers
49 Campus bigwig
50 Kitten's comment
51 Gas gauge fig.

DOWN

1 Moment
2 In olden days
3 Hall
4 Prague citizen
5 Loathe
6 Pismire
7 "Catcher in the —"
8 Acid neutralizer
9 Use an old phone
10 — nitrate
11 Cattle calls?
16 Cisterns
19 Contemptible
20 Newscaster Sevareid
21 One-named singer who recorded "Thank You"
22 "Woman With a Pearl" painter
23 Liberal party?
25 Remedy
26 Abrasive mineral
27 Con
28 Egg container
30 Long sandwiches
33 Dim the lights
34 Layered treat
36 Undomesticated
37 Took off
38 Northamptonshire river
39 — Major
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42 Photog's need
43 Raw rock
44 Kreskin's claim
45 Homer's interjection

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3	1	4	6	5	2	7	9	8
9	5	8	1	7	3	2	4	6
4	2	7	5	8	1	6	3	9
5	3	6	9	2	7	4	8	1
8	9	1	4	3	6	5	7	2
2	4	5	3	6	8	9	1	7
1	6	3	7	9	5	8	2	4
7	8	9	2	1	4	3	6	5

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork Fillet with Pears and Tarragon

INGREDIENTS:
1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
2 ripe pears, quartered, cored and sliced lengthwise
2 shallots, finely chopped
2 pork fillets, thinly sliced
2/3 cup (150 ml) dry white wine
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh tarragon
4 tbsp (60 ml) heavy cream

INGREDIENTS:
1. Melt half butter with 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) oil in frying pan and fry pears quickly over high heat, turning once, 5 minutes or until golden all over. Remove from pan to warm plate, and cover.
2. Add remaining butter and oil to pan, then stir in chopped shallots and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes or until softened and golden.
3. Push shallots to one side of pan, add pork slices and fry 5-6 minutes or until lightly browned, turning once.
4. Pour wine into pan, then boil 1-2 minutes to reduce slightly. Stir in tarragon and heavy cream, then boil for further minute. Adjust seasoning to taste. Serve pork slices topped with pears, and sauce spooned over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The cosmos is in a state of dynamic flux at the moment but that does not mean you have to be dynamic too.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone will come to you for advice about a personal issue today and although you don't want to get involved you feel obliged to help them out.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Honesty is a must if you are to resolve an issue that has been dragging on for weeks. That means being honest with others and yourself.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You tend to believe only what you can see with your own eyes, but today you might wonder if there are things going on in the background.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
No matter how many great ideas you may have they won't mean a thing unless and until you do something with them.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
In the greater scheme of things there is no such thing as luck, and if you keep that thought in mind you will rediscover the drive that has been lacking.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Try not to take it personally if a friend or colleague is critical of your efforts. They are not really angry at you — they are angry at the world.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
No doubt you are desperate to be doing something more exciting but don't be so impatient for change that you start a task that is clearly going to be difficult.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may have been extra cautious in recent weeks but as from today you can start being a bit more adventurous — but only a bit.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You need to be passionate about what you are doing, especially at work where you appear to have slipped into an easy routine.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The planets in their wisdom say it is time to move on and deep down you know they are right.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You will be on the go from dawn to dusk today, and when the stars come out tonight that's when you will really speed up.

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Metro Recipes of the Day

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Perfect for the kids in winter, peanut butter shortbread bars are see on left with the Mocha Tortoni Mousse on right.

Peanut Butter Shortbread Bars

INGREDIENTS:

SHORTBREAD

250 ml (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened
250 ml (1 cup) granulated sugar
1 egg yolk
2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract (optional)
500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder
1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt

FILLING

125 ml (1/2 cup) smooth peanut butter
125 ml (1/2 cup) icing sugar
30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, softened
175 ml (3/4 cup) blueberry jam (or grape jelly or strawberry jam for a different flavour)

METHOD:

• In a large bowl, beat butter with sugar and egg yolk using an electric mixer for 2 minutes until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, blend together flour, baking powder and salt until well combined.
• Divide dough into two equal portions and wrap tightly in plastic wrap. Freeze dough for 1 to 4 hours.
• Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line a 3-l (9-by-13-inch) baking dish with parchment paper; set aside.
• Remove dough from freezer. Shred dough using a coarse grater or food processor fitted with a metal shredding blade; return one portion of shredded dough to the freezer.
• Arrange remaining dough in an even layer in the prepared baking dish; lightly pat dough down. Bake for 20 minutes or until lightly golden around edges; let cool for 20 minutes.
• Meanwhile, blend peanut butter with icing sugar and butter until smooth and well combined. Spread peanut butter mixture over shortbread base in an even layer. Drop spoonfuls of jam over peanut butter and gently spread in an even layer.
• Remove remaining dough from freezer and scatter over jam layer. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the top is set and lightly golden brown. Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely; cut into bars.

MAKES 24 BARS.

Mocha Tortoni Mousse

INGREDIENTS:

2 large egg whites
30 ml (2 tbsp) instant coffee
Pinch salt
50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
500 ml (2 cups) whipping cream
10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla
125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar
50 ml (1/4 cup) slivered almonds, toasted and cooled, plus extra for garnish
60 g (2 oz) bittersweet chocolate, grated

TO ROAST NUTS: Roast in a single layer on a baking sheet in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 10 minutes. Allow them to get light brown, remove and cool.

METHOD:

• In a clean medium bowl, beat egg whites until foamy. Add instant coffee and salt and beat until combined. Gradually add 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar and beat until soft peaks form.
• In a separate bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form. Beat in vanilla and 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar. Fold in 50 ml (1/4 cup) slivered almonds and transfer to a large glass bowl or individual glasses and freeze at least 2 hours.
• Garnish with remaining slivered almonds and grated chocolate.

MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS.

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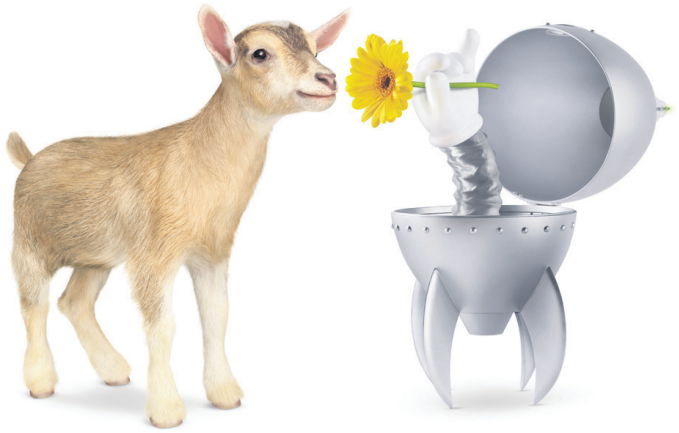

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